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Who do you think they are?

A GROUP of children from Hambridge Primary School took up the "who do you think they are?" challenge issued by Weekender reporter Marion Draper on February 14th.

The challenge was inspired by the Youth Speaks team from Hambridge School who had asked the question "Do you respect the elderly?".

Our young readers were asked to go out and interview an elderly relative or friend and find out who they were, before they were labelled as an old person.

Lydia Blackford, Ben Bristow and Tyler McKay visited a retirement home near their school and spoke to Bill Mitchell. Their teacher said the children really enjoyed the experience, were really interested in the interview, and had carefully planned their questions.

Here is there interview:

● **OUR names are Ben, Lydia and Tyler. What's your name?** *My name is Bill, Bill Mitchell.*

● **DO you have any grandchildren, if so, do you think they respect you?**
Well, I don't have any grandchildren.

● **DO you think that you respect other people, say, the people you live with.**
Well, I try to.

● **HAVE you ever been in a war? If so, did you think it was a good thing or a bad thing at that time?**
Well, I haven't been in a war. However, I did think war was a bad thing.

● **DO you have any stories you would like to share with us?**
Yes, I worked for Rugby World magazine as an editor and I interviewed lots of players. Cricket is my favourite sport, I played very well, if I say so myself.

I went to Shrewsbury School and knew lots of famous sportsmen from then, and from my job.

I knew Will Carling very well, he was a very famous rugby player. I also knew that Princess Diana was having an affair with Will Carling. He was England's captain at that time. He had a terrible time; she flirted with him a lot.

My partner played rugby for Scotland – she played very well. She passed away a few years ago.

I knew Geoff Boycott - didn't really like him as he had a strong opinion. Leaves the Ashes, supports Scotland and his Scottish wife passed away a couple of years ago.

The children said they found it partcularly interested how Bill switched on when asked about cricket and matches now, and how much he enjoyed talking about recent and forthcoming matches and was very knowledgeable about key players and prospects for different teams.

■ **TELLING STORIES: Bill Mitchell. Below, interviewers Lydia Blackford, Ben Bristow and Tyler McKay**

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Delay at key site due to lack of money

By Marion Draper

CREWKERNE town councillors have expressed their extreme concern and disappointment at a proposal to change an area of the already agreed key site of the Crewkerne Link Road (CLR) development.

The proposal to change the development, set to begin later this year, was brought before the council's Planning Committee on Monday.

Town planner Harry Sedman, speaking on behalf of developers Taylor Wimpey, said that in light of a public appeal going ahead next month for an application to build at Goldwell Farm, opposite the CLR off the A30, and due to the economics of a recently signed Section 106 agreement, including other expenses on the site, they were seeking approval of an amendment to the site plan.

Phase one of the plan has already been approved but the suggested change would see a reduction in the 10 hectares set aside for a mixed development industrial employment area to just two hectares, allowing up to 200 more homes to be built at the Blacknell Lane end of the site to help fund the project.

The houses would be in addition to the 525 already agreed on the overall development, set to go ahead in phases and including the vital link road.

Mr Sedman said there were two reasons for the suggested changes - one being to strengthen South Somerset District Council's opposition to the Goldwell Farm plan, which argued there was still a need for more housing in Crewkerne, and secondly, allowing another small parcel of the key site to be developed at the same time as the agreed first phase, would bring in more money to pay for the multi-million pound link road and other expenses laid out in a Section 106 agreement.

He added that he had been following the Goldwell Farm application closely and was convinced, if allowed, it would only be the "tip of the iceberg", leading to a much larger plan along the lines of the originally rejected Longstrings development, with at least 300 to 400 houses.

Mr Sedman argued that it was possible to work on both ends of the CLR site, as they would have totally separate and easy access and, although the developers had been actively trying to sell the employment land, there had been no interest whatsoever.

Councillor Neil Sturtivant commented that there may not be a need right now for the industrial land but when the houses were built, there might well be a need. He added that if companies came to the site and then found there was no way to expand, they would then move out of the town.

Councillor Sturtivant said that the Maiden Beech development had gone ahead quickly enough so house prices couldn't be that bad.

His concerns were echoed by Councillor Kathy Head, who said she was worried that starting at both ends could lead to the middle of this major site being abandoned if the money ran out. On that point, Councillor Angie Singleton reminded those present that Taylor Wimpey were legally bound to complete the link road, four years after the completion of the first houses, regardless of whether the entire development was completed.

Speaking to Mr Sedman and the representative from Taylor Wimpey, she asked: "Are you saying that the economics don't stack up?"

Council Singleton was told that Taylor Wimpey was committed to building the site but it was "not economic for it to start the site at the present time".

Mr Sedman added that the costings had all been worked out in 2008 when the plans were first drawn up and now the price of everything was just too high, with the housing market still in a lull, and they wanted the opportunity to sell more houses to help balance the books.

Councillor Roger Rousell described the whole plan as "an unfortunate shambles" which made the council "look a fool" after so many years of trying to bring the key site to reality.

With the trees along the A30 already having been removed in preparation for the development, Councillor Rusty Jackson asked if that had now been unnecessary.

Councillor Singleton added that the town council had fought hard in the 1960s to retain its industrial area in order for Crewkerne to be a healthy, sustainable community, and to reduce the employment ratio of the key site land would risk becoming a satellite town for Yeovil.

As chairman of South Somerset District Council's Area West Committee, she added that the district was confident it had a robust argument to uphold its rejection of the Goldwell Farm application when it goes to appeal in April.

The councillors overwhelmingly rejected the idea that the balance of the key site should be altered.

Running club hands out £2,100

CREWKERNE Running Club has handed out cheques totaling £2,100 to charities and local organisations over the past year.

A presentation was held at the club's annual general meeting in the George Reynolds Centre on Monday. Those receiving funds included St Margaret's Hospice, Cancer Research UK, Haselbury Plucknett Park Project and the Friends of Haselbury School.

The money was raised by the club from the four events it had organised throughout the year - the Crewkerne 10k, the Haselbury 10k, the Parrett Trail Relay Race and the Full Monty Run.

Members of Crewkerne Running Club would like to thank the following for their support throughout the year, without whose assistance and sponsorship these events would not be possible to organise: Stokes Partnership Crewkerne, Lidl Stores, A.E. Stoodley & Son Crewkerne, James Hardware Crewkerne, Western Counties Fuel Oils Bridgwater, North Perrott Cricket Club and Perrott Hill School.

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SCHOOLS PHOTO SPECIAL

Schoolchildren show their love for

By Marion Draper

SCHOOLCHILDREN across South Somerset expressed their love for literature last week, as they celebrated World Book Day.

The annual, international event has become increasingly popular with schools in recent years, with the aim of encouraging children to explore the pleasures of books and reading. Most students dress up as their favourite book character.

At Chard School, Year 2 pupils were excited to receive book tokens to mark special event, while at Manor Court Primary School, pupils dressed up and each year group paraded through a special assembly with teachers judging the best costumes to win a small prize.

The staff had also gone to town with their costumes, including headteacher Adrian Mitchell with his "Cat in the Hat" costume, and they gathered together to try and recreate the famous Oscars "selfie" photograph to post on the school's Twitter site.

From dinosaurs to Egyptian princesses, it was a wild affair at Winsham Primary School near Chard on World Book Day. Pupils from Key Stage One and the pre-school joined together and dressed up as their favourite book characters for the day. A slumber party session was also held, where children and staff read to each other.

In Crewkerne, St Bartholomew's Church of England First School also got into the spirit, choosing an animal theme for their costumes and taking part in a number of book-related activities.

The children really enjoyed having a jungle gazebo to read and listen to stories inm which transformed the library area.

At Maiden Beech Academy students also dressed as their favourite characters, with a special assembly in the afternoon to choose the best dressed boy and girl in each year group.

The winners were: Year 5 - Sam French (Mr Gumm) and Makenzie Peters (the Mad Hatter); Year 6 - Louka Parkman (Dennis the Menace) and Molly Sale (the Giant Peach); Year 7 - Tom Fry (Frodo) and Ellise Waring (Katniss from "The Hunger Games"); Year 8 - Merlin Forsey (Barry Loser from "My Dad is a Loser") and Madeleine Bennett (Red Riding Hood). This year, a group prize was also awarded to seven pupils in class 7NB for their portrayal of "Alice in Wonderland" characters.

For the federated primary schools of Shepton Beauchamp and St Mary and St Peters, based at Barrington and Ilton, World Book Day was an excuse to bring all the children together at Ilton for book related topics. Children were encouraged to dress up for the day and enjoyed activities such as puppet making and storytelling.

New headteacher Shaun Watson joined in the theme and made a striking Captain Hook from "Peter Pan".

Primary schools in villages around South Somerset also took part in activities.

■ **GUESS WHO WE ARE: Above, Year 1 students from Manor Court, Chard, and left, headteacher Adrian Mitchell and some of the World Book Day best dressed**

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■ SOME OF THE BEST: A sample of the Tatworth Primary School costumes for Wolrd Book Day and, below, children at St Bartholomew's school in Crewkerne chose an animal theme for their costumes

■ GREAT EFFORT: Some of the Maiden Beech World Book Day characters and, below, Year 4 students from Manor Court Primary School in Chard

■ FROM SUPERHEROES TO ELVES: Foundation stage costume prize winners at Manor Court Primary School and, below some of the staff and pupils at the Ilton base of St Mary and St Peters Primary School

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■ SETTING THE EXAMPLE: Staff of Manor Court school in Chard and, below, staff and teachers at Buckland St Mary Primary School

■ FAVOURITE CHARACTERS: Year 5 pupils from Mancor Court in Chard

■ OOMPA LOOMPA: Matching costumes at Maiden Beech in Crewkerne

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Still open for business during diversion

By Marion Draper

CREWKERNE shops and business would like to stress they are still open despite a confusing road closure on the A30 west side, which began this week.

Church Street is completely closed to traffic while Western Gas dig up the road but traders are still open for business.

The town council spent the beginning of the week making phone calls to try and get better diversion signage after the first day of the closure of Church Street was poorly dealt with, resulting in HGVs, coaches and other large vehicles still coming all the way in on the A30 from Chard and trying to turn into the narrow roads of Court Barton and Oxen Road.

On Tuesday and Wednesday morning, vehicles were still coming in, seeing the closure sign at Gouldsbrook Terrace and ignoring the "no entry" sign at West Street and heading the wrong way down the one-way street.

By Wednesday lunchtime the signs had been altered along the A30 and a more robust barrier placed at the top of Gouldbrook Terrace to stop larger vehicles. However, there is still access for light vehicles to Court Barton and Oxen Road.

There is a diversion in place at Chard taking traffic all the way around to the north side of Crewkerne, and signs that were lining the A30 into Crewkerne saying "businesses open as usual" were removed in favour of ones that just said "A30 closed".

Many local residents feel there should have been a diversion along Cathole Bridge Road, which has regular HGV traffic to the plastics factory anyway, and would have relieved some of the pressure and frustration for drivers unfamiliar with the area.

Some drivers, however, are still ignoring signs or following satellite navigations systems and resident Michael Charles, who lives on the corner of West Street and Barn Street, was re-directing traffic to help out this week.

Light vehicles can still access the west side of town and the roads from the north, south and east are open - so the message is Crewkerne is still open for business!

Coombe Farm offering visits for schoolchildren

COOMBE Farm in Crewkerne is offering free school visits to the farm, talks in assemblies and classroom sessions for local schools.

The farm, part of the A.H Warren Trust, is one of the UK's largest independent organic milk producers and school visits are hugely popular, helping reconnect them with food and the countryside.

To add to the excitement of a school visit, the team at Farm Toys Online have kindly donated five toy Starter Farms for school visitors to design their own farms. They include farm animals, machinery, fencing, buildings and even wind tubines, which ties in with Coombe Farm's partnership with Southern Wind Power.

There will also be three remote control toy tractors for the children to drive around the yard. Julia Lowe from Farm Toys Online said: "We hope the children will have fun with all the toys, whilst also being inspired and educated to become our farmers of the future."

The tractors and farm sets will be used in conjunction with a structured "hands-on" visit to the farm. The first lucky group of children to use the sets will be a Key Stage One group from East Coker Primary School.

Coombe Farm Education Co-ordinator, Fi Madge, explained: "We hope to have groups of 10 students at a time designing the farms, with pairs of children working together. It's going to be very interesting and entertaining to see what they come up with!"

If you would like to enrol your school or class on to the Coombe Farm education initiative email info@coombefarm.com or visit the website www.coombefarm.com for more information.

There are a large variety of topics to choose from, including the Countryside Code, Where Does Your Breakfast Come From, and Healthy Eating.

Musical duo returns to Henhayes

THE HENHAYES Community Centre in Crewkerne played host for the second time to Julie Dunn and Charlotte Storey, the jazz blues duet Birds on a Wire, in a fundraising concert last Friday.

The event, which included a pre-concert supper, was a sell-out once again, raising £600 for the volunteer-led community centre.

The talented musicians had performed at the centre in October last year and were so popular, no time was wasted in getting them back. Singer songwriter Julie was on keyboard and Charlotte played guitar, saxophone and percussion.

The centre trustees would like to thank local businesses which supported the event with donations for the raffle, which raised £90. Funds raised will enable the trustees to continue with its programme of service to older people locally.

They would like to thank everyone for their support in making this another good community effort.

W news briefing

Rotarians to hold free blood pressure checks

THE Rotary Club of Crewkerne is hosting a free "Know Your Blood Pressure" event at the Conservative Club, Falkland Square, Crewkerne, tomorrow (Saturday) from 9am until 12noon, to raise awareness about the link between high blood pressure and strokes.

The annual event offers a free blood pressure monitoring service with information and advice on stroke-related issues. Tea and coffee will also be available.

The Crewkerne club is joining with scores of other clubs across the UK as part of the "Know Your Blood Pressure" campaign in conjunction with the Stroke Association.

Measuring blood pressure is quick, simple and painless; it is done with an inflatable cuff put on your arm. The National Health Service recommends that all adults have their blood pressure checked at least every five years.

Robin Heyd-Smith, president of the Rotary Club of Crewkerne, said: "Everyone should have their blood pressure tested at 'Know Your Blood Pressure'. These events have helped prevent thousands of strokes.

"Learning your blood pressure is high can be worrying, but these events will give you advice on the simple steps you can take to keep it under control. The team will welcome any query, even if is just for a chat, and help you find out how strokes can be prevented."

For more information on strokes, call the Stroke Association helpline on 0303 3033 100 or visit www.stroke.org.uk/kybp

Are you a 1987 Wadham leaver?

DID you leave Wadham School in Crewkerne in 1987?

If so, then you are elgible to attend a reunion, scheduled to be held on Saturday, March 22nd at The George Hotel in Crewkerne.

The school is hoping that as many people as possible will attend. Those interested should contact Kerry Peters nee Noake on 07557 447 078 for full details.

Art project to brighten up town

COMMUNITY ART: Holyrood Academy students Jasper Conroy and Juda Tobaiwa with NCS project leader William Taunton-Burnet (centre)

A GROUP of community minded young people in Chard have taken up the challenge of improving their local environment with an art project and are calling for local people to get involved.

A team of Year 9 and Year 12 students from Holyrood Academy are the first from the school to do the National Citizen Service (NCS), a government-backed development course to learn real life skills and make a difference in the community.

"Team Chard" are in the community improvement phase of their course and, following an opinion poll they took from over 100 people in the town, came up with ChardArt, a community art project that will place pieces of art into empty shop windows and promote activities for young people taking place in the town, which do not usually receive enough publicity.

Individuals and organisations are being invited to collect a four feet square blank canvas, free of charge, from the Chard Young People's Centre on Saturday, March 15th or 22nd from 10am to 4pm and either paint them there or bring them back by 2pm on Wednesday, March 26th. Anything cheerful and bright will be accepted and paintings can represent a group to promote it.

The team plan to show and judge all the entries in the Guildhall from 3pm to 5pm on that day before they go on display in the shops at the end of the month.

The launch will be used to raise funds for local youth centre, which the group will also be re-decorating as part of the project and would welcome helpers.

If you are an owner of an empty shop or would like to sponsor the project in any way or make a donation to the youth centre, email "Team Chard" at ncschardart@gmail.com

Digs for dogs appeal at Ferne

IT was out with the old to make way for the new at Ferne Animal Sanctuary last Thursday, as work on the £1million project to build a new kennel block began.

The new facility will double its current capacity, which is desperately needed.

Sanctuary mascot Freddie Ferne was on hand, together with the Mayor of Chard, Councillor Jenny Kenton, to witness the last of the old kennels being demolished. Resident mastiff crosses Lola and Sherman, who are currently seeking a new home together, were also part of the excitement and enjoyed being visited by all the special guests.

Chairman of the trustees, Nanette Wale, said that everyone at the sanctuary was excited to see the work finally begin after two years of planning and fundraising. The kennels were almost 50 years old and were no longer fit for purpose.

With building plans approved for the new, enhanced 18 kennel block with exercise areas, isolation unit, improved grooming and veterinary care room, information hub, social unit, offices, reception and purpose built rehoming centre, a massive appeal has now been launched to help pay for the project.

The "New Digs for Dogs" appeal is hoping to raise £500,000 towards the cost of the new rehoming centre. The first half of the £1million needed for the re-build has been funded by the charity's reserves, saved sepcifically for this purpose, but the sanctuary hopes donations and fundraising events will prevent them having to go into their general reserves to cover the rest.

If the target is reached, any donations in excess will be used towards the cost of maintaining the sanctuary and its resident animals.

Charity director, Jenny Wheadon, was unable to attended the launch due to illness, but said: "This is the most expensive project the sanctuary has ever undertaken and we appeal to everyone to please support it in whatever way they can as every penny counts. It would be nice to think that the need for places like Ferne is diminishing but unfortunately the reverse is true.

"If you know of anyone who loves and cares for animals as much as we do then please be kind enough to spread the word about our appeal. They might also want to get involved. With you help, I know we will achieve our goal.

DOGS FOR DOGS: Construction director Colin Johnson and MD Marcus Drysdale of Acheson Construction, with Ferne staff, chairman of trustees Nanette Wale, Mayor Jenny Kenton and mascot Freddie Ferne celebrate the beginning of construction

Sincerest thanks, not just from me, but on behalf of everyone at Ferne."

Ferne Animal Sanctuary provides a safe and comfortable home for more than 300 unwanted animals. During 2013, it found homes for 343 dogs and cats, as well as foster homes for 13 horses.

It receives and re-homes within a 40-mile radius of Chard and, since the RSPCA centre at Hatch Beauchamp changed its policy, the need for kennels in particular had grown.

Head of kennels, Amanda Park, said: "I never fail to be shocked and absolutely heartbroken by the torment and terrible conditions that some of the dogs we receive have suffered. Some are found in a dreadful state, just dumped on the road, tied up or even in a bin.

"We desperately need support to offer these unwanted and abandoned dogs a comfortable home. I urge everyone, please, to dig into their pockets as deeply as they can to help our 'New Digs for Dogs' appeal. Every fundraising event organised and every donation received, no matter how small, really counts."

While the work is being carried out, the remaining dogs have been placed in other buildings on the site or taken to foster homes.

Unfortunately, due to the construction vehicles taking up some of the public car park and the amount of work going on, one of the charity's most popular fundraisers, the Easter egg hunt and bonnet parade, scheduled to take place on April 19th, has had to be cancelled. However, anyone visiting the sanctuary restaurant in fancy dress on that day will be entered in a mini prize draw to win an Easter egg.

The completion of the project is scheduled for early October.

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10 May^, 12 Jul, 16 Sep, 30 Sep	14	Mediterranean Medley	Barcelona, Corsica (Ajaccio), Rome (Civitavecchia), Florence/Pisa (Livorno), Genoa (for Milan), Marseille (for Provence), Gibraltar	£949	£1,099	£1,299	£1,799	£3,299	Up to $85 on 10 May
24 May	7	Spain & France	La Coruna (for Santiago de Compostela), Bilbao, Bordeaux (Le Verdon), Guernsey (St Peter Port)	£819	SOLD	£799	£1,199	£2,099	
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11 Jun, 30 Aug^	17	Mediterranean & Adriatic	Seville (Cadiz), Valletta (Malta), Venice, Ljubljana (Koper), Dubrovnik, Corfu, Gibraltar	£1,329	£1,629	£1,929	£2,429	£4,599	Up to $85 on 30 Aug
9 Aug	7	Norwegian Fjords	Stavanger, Aalesund, Flaam/Sognefjord, Bergen	£679	£749	£949	£1,199	£2,399	
31 May, 14 Oct^	11	Canary Islands	Madeira (Funchal), Gran Canaria (Las Palmas), Santa Cruz De Tenerife, Lanzarote (Arrecife), Vigo (for Santiago de Compostela)	£999	£1,299	£1,359	£1,399	£2,899	Up to $75 on 14 Oct

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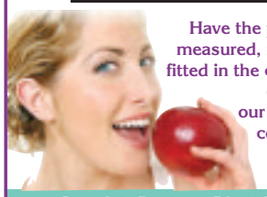
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Children and staff wore clothes inside out or back to front and even came in pyjamas.

Everyone took part in various topsy turvy activities including backwards races, reading books back to front and drawing pictures under the table tops.

The Pre School room was turned the upside down too.

School to forge links with Kenya

GREENFYLDE First School children received a visit from Mary Buckle and Jeremy Rawle from Akamba Aid Fund, an independent charitable trust based in south Somerset.

It was set up in 1999 with the aim of enabling the poorest rural communities in eastern Kenya to have access to the essentials of life that we take for granted, Akamba being the fifth largest tribe.

They visited the school to talk to class 1LT about the children in Kenya they help. The pupils' topic this term is Africa, focusing on Kenya and the charity volunteers came to talk to the children about the food, water and living conditions in which the Kenyan children live and compare it to life in Ilminster.

They also included a little piece of drama to show the school children the importance of mosquito nets which they enjoyed.

In return the children from 1LT have written a letter each to the children in Kenya and the school has collected T-shirts and shorts for Dr James Buckle (a GP from South Petherton) to take with him on his next visit to Kenya at the end of March.

The charity will then take pictures of the children wearing the donated t-shirts as well as a letter from the children to come back to Greenfylde, a link they hope to continue.

MARY Buckle uses theatre to educate Greenfylde class 1LT

School hosts auction of promises

ASHILL School Parent Teacher Friends Association will be hosting an auction of promises in the village on Saturday, March 29th, to raise much needed funds to support pupils' learning at Ashill Community Primary School.

The PTFA are eager to provide both classes with new IT equipment, which will give the children the means to access the wider world and enhance all their learning experiences. Money raised from the event will enable the school to purchase IT equipment, funds for which are not available on limited government budgets.

The auction of promises will be at Ashill Village Hall with doors at 7pm and pre-auction supper at 7.30pm. The auction will start at 8.30pm prompt.

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Jenna's all set for the big jump

SALES executive Jenna Wellman is the latest member of the View From / Weekender team to organise a fundraising event for our Water Survival Box campaign.

Never one to turn down a challenge, Jenna is preparing to leap 15,000ft from a Beech 99 aircraft with Dunkeswell based Skydive UK next month.

Jenna said: "I want to scare myself! I can't wait for that aeroplane door to open so I can stare out into the abyss!"

A keen surfer, Jenna is used to getting a buzz from the elements. But how would freefalling compare to the thrill of catching a big wave? Could it be anywhere near as good?

"Because it will be new, yes," says Jenna, "but what I'd really like to do is experience the rush of wearing a board and go sky surfing!"

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Jenna says she has always wanted to do a parachute jump and that our Water Survival Box campaign was the perfect opportunity to actually go ahead and do it.

"And those guys from the Chelwood Bridge Rotary Club are so cute, you just can't say 'no' to helping them!" she added.

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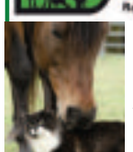
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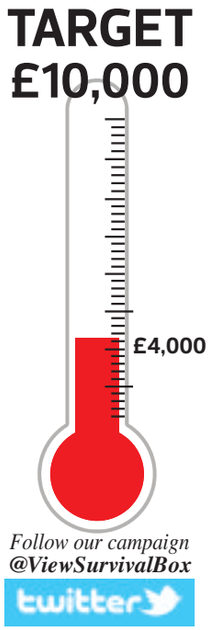

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Creative opportunities for young people on offer

FOUR key arts organisations in Somerset have created paid internship opportunities for young people as part of the Creative Employment Programme.

The programme supports the creation of traineeships, formal apprenticeship and paid internship opportunities in England for unemployed young people wishing to pursue a career in the arts and cultural sector.

The four organisations: Spaeda; Tacchi Morris Arts Centre (in partnership with The SPACE and Heathfield Community School); Creative Somerset; and Somerset Art Works have been successful in their funding application which means they can support paid roles for unemployed young people hoping to get more experience working in the creative sector.

The varied roles on offer are arts education and schools liaison, arts marketing, technical theatre and arts administration based at either Taunton or Langport.

All the organisations are committed to helping young people increase their skills and knowledge through developing their real world experience and making invaluable contacts in the creative sector.

Zoe Truong from Creative Somerset said: "We are really excited to see how an intern might bring fresh ideas and perspectives into our organisation as well as having the chance to help train young people to become successful as they enter the future workforce".

All the job opportunities are currently advertised at the Job Centre Plus Offices until Thursday March 20th. There are certain criteria applicants must meet in order to be eligible to apply for a Creative Employment Programme funded internship. At the time of applying they must be aged 18 to 24 years old and be registered as unemployed with Jobcentre Plus. For more information please contact your local job centre or search under opportunities at www.creativesomerset.com.

Creative Somerset is a community interest company and was established in 2012 to provide a voice for Somerset's cultural and creative industry sector.

It is a strategic umbrella organisation that represents the collective strengths of the creative industries across the county. As an infrastructure organisation it aims to communicate, collaborate and influence for the creative and cultural industries in Somerset,working to provide support, advice, training and opportunities for frontline creative providers so that they can deliver their services more effectively.

First season success for all girl footy team

MERRIOTT Youth Football Club new under 11 girls team proved they had girl power after having a terrific first season, winning the Somerset Girl's League and taking home an impressive trophy.

Thanks to excellent coaching and the dedication and hard work of the players the team only let in three goals out of 39 and finished their last game of the season undefeated with 3-2 win against Bishops Lydeard.

The U11 team was formed at the request of players Nicole Gould and Kyla Hooper, who had been playing with the boys team since they were under sevens. When they became too old to continue playing with the boys they asked their fathers to form the all girls team.

Manager Darren Gould and coach Steve Hooper said they hadn't known what to expect and thought it would be a bit of fun but the girls' success had exceeded all expectation and they were very proud.

Players: Nicole Gould, Kyla Hooper, Kianna Kamal, Harriet Baron, Courtney Gregory, Nicola Johnson. Ella Charles, Zena Parsons, Molly Gingell and Lily Clarke.

FIRST OF MANY: Merriott Youth Football Club U11 girl's team with coach Steve Hooper and manager Darren Gould

Bedtime stories for book day

MERRIOTT First School decided to make World Book Day special for their children by holding a bedtime story session. Children came to school at 5.30pm in pyjamas and slippers and snuggled down with their cuddly toys on floor cushions for a quiet relaxing wind down with different readers choosing some favourite bedtime books.

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Cleaning the Microwave
Cleaning a microwave is easy. Fill up a cup of water and put it in there on high for a few minutes. The steam from the cup will loosen any stuck-on food, and then you can just wipe it away. It's that simple.

Cleaning the Fridge
First toss out any bad food. Then start with wiping down the top shelves and work down. Baking soda and water make a great cleaner and won't leave your fridge smelling like harsh cleanser. After you wipe out the crispers, line them with paper towels for easier cleaning next time.

Cleaning your Bathroom
You can use lemon oil to shine the tiles of your bathroom. Lemon oil will also prevent mold and mildew. Use a false teeth bubbling tablet to avoid rings. Sometimes the problem with shower is that hard water gets build up there. Fill a plastic bag with vinegar and place it over shower head to remove hard water buildup. You can use alcohol to shine bathroom faucets.

Toilet Hygiene
First pour some cleaner in the bowl to soak. Then wipe down the seat and outside of the bowl with an antibacterial wipe or spray cleaner. After that scrub the bowl with a toilet brush and finally wipe down everything again with a dry cloth to make it shine.

Bathtubs
Use a cleanser that will foam or bubble. This allows you to "soak" your tub or shower, even if it's a vertical wall. Get a scrubber that fits your needs, a long-handled one or an extra firm one, pick a scrubber that will be easiest for you to use. Moreover, spraying the tub or shower down after each use can make deep cleaning easier.

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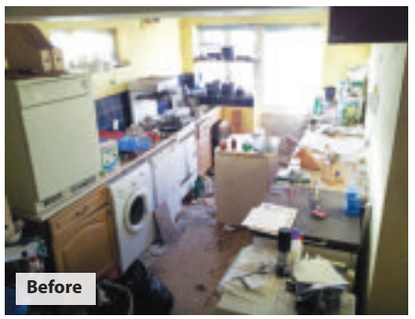

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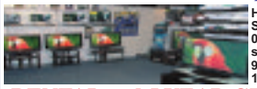
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The art of Falconry lives on at the Westcountry Game Fair

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The art of Falconry lives on!

Demonstrations of the historic sport at Westcountry Game Fair

FALCONRY is an historic past time and one of the oldest sports in the world. It can be tracked back to 2000BC in the Middle and Far East. Originally it was used for catching food and not a sport. The popularity soon grew and was generally classed as a sport for royalty

Falconry is not thought of now in this way. Instead it is carried out by dedicated individuals, helping to preserve this ancient and historic practice for future generations. One such individual is Ben Long who obtained his first kestrel in 1971. At that time there were very few falconers in Britain. He has been involved in falconry as a professional for over 30 years and is a director of The Falconry School based near Gloucester.

Ben will be providing demonstrations and a static display at the Westcountry Game Fair, taking place at the Bath & West Showground in Somerset on Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd March 2014. The demonstrations will focus on simulated hunting with Harris Hawks, Falcons plus stooping to the lure. Of course there will be some audience participation which will bring the audience as close as possible to the Art of Falconry.

Nothing but the best for your dogs!

The 2014 Westcountry Game Fair held at the Royal Bath & West Showground on Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd March will provide a host of canine activities, features, shopping and advice for dog lovers across the region.

British Association for Shooting and Conservation (BASC) will be running six gundog scurries – Fastest Dog in the West, Bulldog, Snooker, Over the bales, Ducks Down and Obstacle Course. All the scurries will have slight twists to better simulate shooting scenarios and test dog and handler to the full.

They will also be running a gundog test for spaniels and retrievers; the test is designed and set up under the watchful eyes of the BASC gundog training team and judged by renowned gundog trainers Martin Love and Martin Harris.

The gundog training demonstrations will this year be performed by Kipperidge Gundogs. Adrian Slater was voted 'Gundog Trainer of the Year' by the readers of Countryman's Weekly in 2010. He bought his first gundog when he was 16 years old, after being captivated by their training ability and high standard whilst out in the field on a shooting day. Ever since, Adrian has carried his enthusiasm and great love for gun dogs until this very day. He is now fortunate enough to share his passion with other dog enthusiasts alike by providing tailored professional gundog training services.

Adrian and his wife Caroline perform with their team of highly trained Labradors and Spaniels and show how to train a gundog from start to finish. Teaching a puppy or youngster the foundation stages of obedience and retrieve and then moving on to show the different stages of development and training. The demonstrations are both informative and entertaining!

The Terrier & Lurcher shows and the family dog show will be back in 2014. Full schedules and details are available to download from the organiser's website www.contour.uk.net. In addition Terrier & Lurcher racing and Lure coursing will be available.

There will be the opportunity for BVA approved Gundog Eye Testing. The standard eye test is at a discounted rate and appointments are available Saturday 22nd March only. Advance booking is required by calling 01392 421500.

A dog crèche will also be on site, kindly provided by Samsalin.

The ever-popular Gundog Parade will return with a fantastic display of a variety of breeds.

◆ The shows other features will include an on-site Clay Shoot with Clay Shooting R Us, Falconry, BASC Shooting School, BASC Air Rifle coaching, Fly-casting demonstrations and coaching, Archery, Racing Ferrets, Vintage tractors & machinery, plus the small-holders area.

There will be the opportunity to grab a great show offer on guns, fishing equipment, gundog equipment, gifts, clothing, paintings, prints, food and much more at the countryside shopping village with over 250 companies.

You can keep up to date with everything happening at the show by visiting our website www.contour.uk.net or joining our Facebook group and following us on Twitter. For exhibitor enquiries, please call 01392 421500.

Brain Gym

No.264

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

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Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. The tide at noon makes a noise (10)
7. Scent that starts a romance (5)
8. One still too young to take certain steps (7)
10. It's not a close-up, you can bet on it! (4,4)
11. It's heavenly to play, but there are strings attached (4)
13. A systematic way to mix things up (6)
15. A girl distributes medals (6)
17. Experts break the case (4)
18. Held back, being shy (8)
21. Serious Eastern muddle (7)
22. Thick wooden seat in part (5)
23. Anger badly out of place generally speaking (2,3,5)

Down

1. One way to kill a doctor now, perhaps (5)
2. Strange patterns found in church (8)
3. This idea will get you into no trouble (6)
4. Confidence trickster's aim spells trouble (2-2)
5. Learns nothing about a French city (7)
6. Model tiara turns out to be fitting (6-4)
9. Some steps that have to be suspended (4,6)
12. Bush the French sell with hesitation (8)
14. Many in good time plainly seen (7)
16. Such a surgeon knows his drill (6)
19. Rendezvous put back in time uneventfully (5)
20. Incline to be thin? (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Individual (10)
7. Ventilated (5)
8. Exceptional (7)
10. Appalled (8)
11. Arena (4)
13. Use (6)
15. Road (6)
17. Fall (4)
18. Affluent (4-2-2)
21. Certificate (7)
22. Asserts (5)
23. Descriptive proposal (10)

Down

1. Severs (5)
2. Heater (8)
3. Part of the foot (6)
4. Accustomed (4)
5. Stupid (7)
6. Shrewd (4-6)
9. Navigational beacon (10)
12. Resolute (8)
14. Thrive (7)
16. Narrate (6)
19. Signs (5)
20. Pitch (4)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 6 Niggard; 7 Admit; 9 Thy; 10 Ephemeral; 12 Hunger march; 15 Painted lady; 17 Breakneck; 19 Gem; 21 Stale; 22 Log book. Down: 1 Sight; 2 Age; 3 Drop; 4 Idle hands; 5 Finance; 8 Petrol; 11 Turntable; 13 Greens; 14 Narrate; 16 Depot; 18 Chop; 20 Ebb. QUICK - Across: 6 Disable; 7 Delay; 9 Lay; 10 Incessant; 12 Philatelist; 15 Controversy; 17 Flatterer; 19 Sly; 21 Feint; 22 Release. Down: 1 Vital; 2 Ban; 3 Plan; 4 Senseless; 5 Sadness; 8 Settle; 11 Whetstone; 13 Loosen; 14 Boulder; 16 Clasp; 18 Even; 20 Bet.

HMS Heron volunteer military band to play Martock concert

THE HMS Heron volunteer military band from Yeovilton will be giving a concert in Martock Church at 7.30pm on Thursday, March 20th, in aid of funds for the preservation of the church building.

The band will play marches, show tunes, the big band sound, film music and light classical pieces.

They played for The Martock Guardians in 2011 and 2012, and The Guardians look forward to their return for another splendid performance. Tickets are £7 on the door, or £6 in advance from Martock News, Martock Gallery or by phoning 01935 822706.

SOUTH PETHERTON EASTER CONCERT FEATURES "ONE OF THE GREATEST MASTERPIECES OF ALL TIME"

THIS year's Easter Concert by South Somerset Choral Society will be held in the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul in South Petherton on Saturday, March 22nd starting at 7.30pm.

The Choir will be singing J.S. Bach's St. John Passion accompanied by six soloists, an organ and a cello continuo.

Tim Donaldson, the Choir's Musical Director, said of the work "It is simply one of the great masterpieces of all time from the greatest composer of them all".

Tickets cost £12 in advance, £14 on the day, and are available from Barrons, Chard; Lanes Garden Shop, Ilminster; Crewkerne News, Crewkerne and from

N & D News in South Petherton. Students' tickets are half-price.

Call 01935 850 483, visit our website southsomersetchoralsociety.org.uk or contact a Society member.

JAZZ QUARTET PLAY A PALETTE OF STYLES!

OFFERING a palette of styles, drummer and percussionist Ronnie Jones brings his Devon-based quartet to Ilminster Arts Centre for the first time this month.

Ronnie Jones (Drums/percussion) has been playing drums since he was 11 and had lessons from the renowned jazz drummer Bill Eyden for several years whilst at High School in West London. He first started playing jazz whilst studying at Cardiff University and appeared as a Latin Percussionist with funk band Planet Janet who went on to play at high profile clubs on the jazz circuit such as Jagz in Ascot. Following this, Ronnie spent time as a broadcast journalist in London before moving to Devon in 2005 and immersing himself in the local jazz scene. Ronnie is now an in- demand drummer and percussionist and has played with some of the top jazz musicians in the South West with appearances at the Teignmouth Jazz Festival and at Exeter's Vibraphonic Festival.

Gary Bayley (Sax) started playing the saxophone at 14 years old. He learned his craft in the Southampton bigbands and from the musicians of the trans-Atlantic liners passing through between New York and London. From jazz he moved into pop, playing with many international artists when he became the house saxophonist for the Mecca and Top Rank venues. Gary toured with several acclaimed funk bands before returning to jazz by blitzing the major festivals in a manner that brought him to the attention of jazz journals, national newspapers, and the BBC. He has appeared at the London Jazz Festival five times, Ronnie Scott's and Pizza Express in London's Soho, and broadcast live on BBC Radio.

David George (Bass) played drums and guitar in bands covering The Undertones and Dr Feelgood, before discovering his musical vocation after picking up an upright bass for the first time at a Dartington Hall summer school. Gaining a jazz education at the now legendary workshops run by Totnes Jazz Collective, he went on to play regularly at the Collective's gigs and with groups convened by several of its members including Lewis Riley and Sam Richards.

Joss Kidd (Guitar) was born in a small town on the west coast of Scotland and moved to Glasgow at an early age. It was here that Joss started to take an interest in jazz, becoming involved with jazz workshops and big band at the Glasgow Arts Centre and performing with the National Youth Jazz Orchestra of Scotland. At 17 he moved to London to study Jazz at university, and was taught harmony and theory by the likes of Pete Churchill (Jazz Education award 2007) and Nikki Iles (Jazz Education award nominee 2007 & 2009) had guitar tuition under the guidance of multi-instrumentalist Stuart Hall and Phil Robson (Winner of 'Best Jazz musician of the Year' in 2009) and developed his performance skills under founding member of Loose Tubes and jazz educator - trumpeter Chris Bachelor.

The Ronnie Jones Quartet play at Ilminster Arts Centre at The Meeting House TONIGHT (Friday, March 14th) at 8pm. Tickets cost £10 - to book call 01460 54973.

Ronnie Jones
photo by Karel Kuran

Warner Leisure Clubs

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Here at Cricket St Thomas Leisure Club we offer a varied programme that will enable you to work hard & have fun, helping you follow through with those New Year resolutions.

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Join us on a 12 month upfront membership this March and we will enter you into our prize draw to win a holiday at Holme Lacy House Hotel in Hereford, one of our 4* hotels

Membership starts from as little as £37 per month.

Call today on **01460 30975** or e-mail at **leisure.cricketstthomas@bourne-leisure.co.uk** for any further information.

Diary Dates

FRIDAY MARCH 14TH

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - lunch club, mid-day for 12.30pm start. All welcome, but please book in advance by phoning 01460 77057.

CHARDSTOCK: Friends of School at St Andrews school Quiz Night. Teams of up to 6 at £4 per head which includes a ploughmans supper. Teams have to be booked in by Tuesday, March 11th. Please call 01460 220534.

SATURDAY MARCH 15TH

CREWKERNE: The Rotary Club of Crewkerne is hosting a Know Your Blood Pressure Event at The Conservative Club, Falkland Square, Crewkerne from 9.00 am until 12 noon. Free blood pressure test with information and advice on stroke related health issues. Please call in & talk to our team of health professionals.

SUNDAY MARCH 16TH

WHITELACKINGTON: Freshly Ground in concert, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Twelve outstanding folk singers from the South West come together to sing English traditional and original songs in glorious harmony. A variety of old favourites, some with humour, some with solos, and some self penned by their leader Issy Emeney. Tickets £7 contact 01404 861256.

MONDAY MARCH 17TH

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Awareness March Meeting. Guest Speaker: Tina Jensen Topic: Power Animals Venue: Meeting Room, Unitarian Chapel, Crewkerne. Time: 7pm-9.30pm. Admission £2.50 (Includes Light Refreshments). Everyone Welcome. Further details telephone Anastasia 01460 78673.

MISTERTON: Spring Bingo at the village hall, eyes down 7.30pm.

TUESDAY MARCH 18TH

CHARD: Film: 'Le Weekend' (cert 12A) presented by Screen at the Guildhall, at The Guildhall, Fore Street. Doors open 7pm. Admission £5 (no concessions). For more details email satgchard@hotmail.co.uk or visit Chard TIC.

CREWKERNE: Are you over 70 or do you know anyone over 70? Come to The Henhayes Centre at 10am for either a cup of tea and biscuits and stay until 2.30pm after enjoying a wholesome lunch. All this for £6.50 (including a session charge). Transport can be arranged. Please call 01460 74340 for more details.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 19TH

CHARD: Annual general meeting of the Chard and District Museum Society at Chard Museum at 7.30pm. All welcome.

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - Coffee Morning with Raffle and Bring & Buy stall, 10.30am. All are welcome; please come along to meet friends, neighbours & visitors for a social morning. Contributions welcome; details from 01460 77588

CREWKERNE: Bingo - cash prizes. At Henhayes Centre, eyes down 2.30pm.

THURSDAY MARCH 20TH

CREWKERNE: Folk dancing at St. Bartholomew's Church Hall. Every Thursday 8pm-10pm. Beginners welcome. For more details call Denise 01460 77320.

CREWKERNE: Knit and Natter evening 7-9pm at Speedwell Hall, Abbey Street. Cost £2 per session includes refreshment. Bring along your current project and enjoy with others while nattering. More info contact Sarah 07931 391928 or enquiry@studioswig.co.uk.

NORTON-SUB-HAMDON: Jumble Sale at the village hall from 11am. Admission 30p. Loads of bargains, everyone welcome. For more details call 01935 881718.

CHARD: Chard Camera Club are attending Kilmington Village hall for their yearly inter club Horseshoe competition. Anyone wishing to join the club which is always willing to accept new members, can do so by contacting the membership secretary Peter Partridge on 01460 66885 or by visiting the web site chardcameraclub.org.uk

SEAVINGTON ST MARY: South Somerset Local RSPB Group. Wildlife Trust Reserves of West Dorset - an illustrated talk by Nick Tomlinson, Manager of Kingcombe Meadows. 7.30pm at The Millennium Hall. Entry, includes tea and biscuits: £2.50 for group members, £3.50 for non-group members and under 18s free. Everyone welcome.

CHARD: Chard Folk Dance Club meeting at Combe St Nicholas Village Hall, 7.15pm for 7.30pm start. Musician and caller will be husband and wife team Robert and Mary Blackborow.

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre. Class begins at 10am and costs £3 for non members.

THURSDAY MARCH 20TH - SUNDAY MARCH 22ND

BARRINGTON: Barrington Player present a double bill of one act plays, 'Nottingham' - Written by Luke Simmons, directed by Bryan Hallett. 'The real story of Robin Hood' performed by the Players Juniors. And 'A Small Affair' written by Bob Larbey, directed by Ian Smith 'a satirical look at the television media' performed by the Players Seniors. At the village hall at 7.30pm each night (doors 7pm), with paying bar. Tickets £8 adults, £4 children 16 and under. To book call 01460 54503, or for more details call 01460 53275.

FRIDAY MARCH 21ST

CHARD: Friendship and Sons funeral directors at 15 High Street, Chard, will be holding a coffee morning from 11am -2pm in aid of the Catherine Wells-Burr Foundation. The foundation was set up by the family of local girl Catherine Wells-Burr, following her murder. The money raised will help support other victims' families coping with the financial and emotional strain of facing court cases due to murder or manslaughter.

SATURDAY MARCH 22ND

WHITELACKINGTON: Bric-a-brac/Table Top Sale at Whitelackington Village Hall, from 10am-1pm. Tables £5, to book a table call 01460 259565. Ample parking, refreshments available. Charity number 246963.

TATWORTH: Cabaret Night at the Perry Street Club. The club welcomes Simon Sands, Compere and Comedian, plus Rogue Minogue, Kylie Minogue tribute act. Tickets £10 in advance, £12.50 on the door. Tickets are available at the club or telephone Jacques on 07745 806773 to book. Doors open at 7:30pm, entertainment 9pm to 12:30am.

SATURDAY MARCH 22ND & SUNDAY MARCH 23RD

NORTH PERROTT: Sale of paintings 10am-5pm both days at 23 North Perrott. Proceeds to St Martin's Church Roof Fund. For more details call 01460 78294.

MONDAY MARCH 24TH

MISTERTON: Bingo at the village hall, eyes down 7.30pm.

TUESDAY MARCH 25TH

CREWKERNE: Easter Bingo at St Bartholomew's C of E First School, Kithill. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 26TH

CREWKERNE: Dementia awareness event at Henhayes Centre, 2.30-4.30pm. A series of short talks on Dementia, followed by Q&A session. Panel includes Dr Antony Christopher (Consultant Psychiatrist South Somerset), Dr Iain Phillips (GP and CCG Clinical Lead for Dementia), Dr Sarah Pearce (GP Springmead Surgery, Chard) and Jill Lock (Alzheimer's Society). For more details and if you'd like to ask a question (please provide details in advance) call 01460 52354.

MERRIOTT: Merriott Gardening Club meeting. Returning by popular demand, Neil Lovesey of Picket Lane Nursery will give a talk entitled "Propagation 2". If you need help with propagating a favourite something, this is the man to ask. Meet at the Tythe Barn, at 7.30pm. Refreshments, raffle, plants and seeds sale and much more. A friendly welcome awaits.

THURSDAY MARCH 27TH

CREWKERNE: Folk dancing at St. Bartholomew's Church Hall. Every Thursday 8pm-10pm. Beginners welcome. For more details call Denise 01460 77320.

MERRIOTT: AGM at Merriott Social Club, 7.30pm.

FRIDAY MARCH 28TH

TATWORTH: Film: 'Philomena' presented by T&F Movies. At Tatworth Memorial Hall, doors open 7.15pm, film from 8pm. For more details call 01460 220198.

MISTERTON: AGM at Misterton Village Hall, 7.30pm.

TATWORTH: Latin Night at Perry Street Club. A night of fun, solo dancing. Easy to follow steps, to salsa, cha, cha, meringue and bachata. All proceeds to go to The Jemima Layzell Trust. Doors open 7pm. Dancing 7.30-10pm. Tickets £12 includes light buffet. All tickets must be paidfor prior to the event. Please contact Celia: 07971 675577.

SOUTH PETHERTON: World War I Evening - South Somerset Peace Group are holding an evening of poetry, prose and song, reflecting World War I European perspectives. It takes place at 7.30pm on Friday, 28th March at the David Hall in South Petherton. Tickets cost £7, the proceeds will go to supporting the work for landmine and cluster bomb victims. They are available at www.thedavidhall.org.uk or by calling 01460 240340.

ILMINSTER: Somerset Wildlife Trust Ilminster/Chard 7.30pm. Matt Williams, collections manager of the Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution will give a presentation on the fossils of Jurassic Ecosystem of Strawberry Bank, Ilminster, which were found in 1840s by Ilminster-born geologist Charles Moore. Everyone welcome £2 adults + refreshments. Parish Hall, North Street, TA19 0DG

SATURDAY MARCH 29TH

TATWORTH: Ceilidh and Barn Dance in aid of Tatworth Community Defibrillator Fund. At Tatworth Memorial Hall, 7.30pm. Tickets (in advance) £7, to include Buffet, cash Bar. Band Long Odds and Short Straws plus caller. All welcome fun for all ages no experience necessary. Please contact Angela Long 220953 or Tessa Leeds 220867

CREWKERNE: Spring Craft Fair at Wadham School from 10am-2pm. Free entry with refreshments available. Demonstrations, mini workshops and a photography exhibition for you to enjoy.

CREWKERNE: Flood Appeal Concert at St Bartholomew's Church, starting 7.30pm. Music from Phoenix Brass Band, Dark Town Strutters, Jeroka Folk Group and the Church Choir with Soloists Ros Broad & Alex Best, and local choir Crewners. Interval drinks and a raffle, all money raised donated to Somerset Flood Appeal.

SATURDAY MARCH 30TH

MERRIOTT: 'A Viola Fantasy' - Mothering Sunday Treat, with reresh ements from 3pm at All Saints Church. Tickets £5 (under 18s free), available from Osborne Stores (Broadway), Crewkerne Information Centre or call 01460 76360 to reserve. Profits from the concert towards Lychgate Repair.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 2ND

CLAPTON: Sew, knit & natter at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall. 10.30am, all welcome; details from 01460 72837

Rotary puts the pressure on with The Stroke Association

THE Rotary club of Crewkerne is hosting a free Know Your Blood Pressure event at The Conservative Club, Falkland Square, Crewkerne on Saturday, March 15th, from 9am until 12noon to raise awareness about the link between blood pressure and a stroke. The now annual event offers a free blood pressure monitoring service with information and advice on stroke related issues. Tea and coffee will be available.

The Crewkerne club is joining with scores of clubs across the UK as part of the Know Your Blood Pressure campaign in conjunction with the Stroke Association.

Measuring blood pressure is quick, simple and painless; it is done with an inflatable cuff put on your arm. The NHS recommends that all adults have their blood pressure checked at least every five years.

Robin Heyd-Smith, President of the Rotary Club of Crewkerne says "Everone should have their blood pressure tested at Know Your Blood Pressure. These events have helped prevent thousands of strokes. Learning your blood pressure is high can be worrying, but these events will give you advice on the simple steps you can take to keep it under control. The team will welcome any query, even if is just for a chat, and help you find out how strokes can be prevented.."

For more information on stroke, call the Stroke Association helpline on 0303 3033 100 or visit www.stroke.org.uk/kybp .

Join your local Rotary club and discover how you can make a difference. For more information about Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland, visit www.ribi.org.

Chard Folk Dance Club

AN ENJOYABLE evening was had by all in attendance at the recent Chard Folk Dance Club meeting.

Jane Thomas was the caller, and Ian Bryden, Rose, and Ginny were the musicians. Jane chose a variety of dances to call, only a few of which, 'All the Way to Galway' and 'Colorado Swing', were known to the members. The others delighted in such names as 'Barbary Jig', 'Jefferson', 'Halsway Sicilian', 'The Show Business', 'Ripple', 'The Scout House Reel', 'Big School Circle', and 'Goodbye Sally'.

There were the usual refreshments and a raffle, in which all the musicians and the caller were among the prize winners.

The next meeting of the club will be on Thursday, March 20th, at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start, in Combe St. Nicholas Village Hall. The musician and caller will be husband and wife team Robert and Mary Blackborow.

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Friday, Mar 14th - Thursday, Mar 20th

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plus Sat & Sun: 11.00am

300: Rise Of An Empire 15
Daily: 12.10, 13.10, 14.50, 15.50, 17.40, 18.40, 20.15, 21.15
plus Sat & Sun: 10.15am

The Lego Movie U
Fri, Mon-Wed: 16.10, 17.20, 18.45
Sat & Sun: 11.15, 12.15, 13.40, 14.40, 16.10, 17.20, 18.45
Thu: 16.10, 17.15

Non-Stop 12A
Daily: 15.30, 18.10, 20.40
plus Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.40

The Grand Budapest Hotel 15
Daily: 15.20, 17.50, 20.30
plus Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.50

The Book Thief 12A
Fri, Mon-Thu: 14.10, 19.45
Sat & Sun: 19.45

Frozen M4J PG
Sat & Sun: 10.00am

Moshi Monsters U
Sat & Sun: 10.20am

Free Birds U
Sat & Sun: 10.10am

Escape From Planet Earth U
Fri, Mon: 17.00, Sat: 12.25, 14.40
Sun: 12.25, 14.40, 17.00,
Tue & Wed: 16.00

Ride Along 12A
Fri, Mon-Thu: 14.00, 19.00, 21.20
Sat & Sun: 18.50, 21.10

Mr Peabody and Sherman U
Fri, Mon-Thu: 16.30
Sat & Sun: 11.40, 14.10, 16.30

Tinker Bell and The Pirate Fairy U
Sat & Sun: 11.20, 13.20

12 Years A Slave 15
Fri, Mon: 14.00, 19.30
Sat: 20.50, Sun: 19.30, Wed: 13.00

The Monuments Men 12A
Fri, Mon-Wed: 13.20, 21.15
Sat & Sun: 21.15, Thu: 13.20

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Fri-Tue: 20.40

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Sat & Sun: 20.15, Mon: 12.40
Wed: 13.30

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Crewkerne Farmers Market this Saturday

THE March Crewkerne Farmers Market is this Saturday, March 15th in Falkland Square, in the centre of town, from 9am to 1pm, with 19 stalls offering a range of locally produced food and drink. After wet and windy markets since November (and the unfortunate need to cancel last months market) organisers are hoping that the beautiful sunny and calm weather hangs around for Saturday's market.

The Somerset Cheese Company (www.somersetcheese.co.uk), based near the Bath & West Showground, makes a range of cheeses from all types of milk; sheep, goat, buffalo and creamy Channel Islands milk. With over 40 years experience Somerset Cheese has won national and international awards. Their delicious handmade cheeses are on the cheese boards of some of the finest restaurants in London - and they are available for you to try down the road at Crewkerne Farmers Market!

Organising nearly 200 farmers' markets a year across Somerset, new trends emerge, such as the increase in award winning goats cheeses on the markets and a demand for highly digestible goats milk. However, there has been an unfortunate spin off in the expansion of the dairy goat industry and this has been the wastage of an estimated 30,000 unwanted billy goat kids in the UK. Worldwide, goat is one of the most commonly eaten meats and our longest domesticated animal. Yet in the UK it has, until recently, merely been associated with Caribbean goat curry. This is a great shame as kid goat meat has a rich meaty flavour, is lower in cholesterol than beef, pork or lamb and is high in protein and iron. Stewart Hyslop of Gruffs Goats in Crewkerne spotted an opportunity to take on the unwanted billy kids from the local dairy industry to rear as free range animals. Stewart rears the kids for five to six months and the end result is available at Crewkerne Farmers Market.

Old Castle Pork is back on Saturday as are The Chillees and Bumblees with their chilli sauces and range of jams and preserves.

Chirpy Cottage will be at the market with their usual range of 'Free From' pasties, pies and quiches with sweet and savoury vegetarian, vegan and gluten free choices.

With crocus and daffodils blooming in the sunshine we are reminded that Spring is here and thoughts turn to tending our storm ravaged gardens. We have a guest stall this month 'In Clover' with a range of spring bulbs and hardy perennials.

For Farmers Market dates across Somerset and details of all the producers visit www.somersetfarmersmarkets.co.uk or pick up a 2014 leaflet when you visit Crewkerne on Saturday.

Final call for entries:

BRANSTON ANNUAL OPEN 2014

ILMINSTER Arts Centre is putting out a final call to artists to submit work for the Branston Annual Open Exhibition 2014. The deadline for which is Friday, March 21st.

The aim of the competition is to celebrate the work of established and emerging artists living and working in the South West and for several years the prize has been generously sponsored by Branston Ltd, based in Seavington St. Michael. This year the company is giving a grand total of £750 prize money, with Ilminster Arts Centre providing £50 for the Visitor's Choice Award. In addition each winner will be invited to participate in Ilminster Arts Centre's Prize Winners' Exhibition to be held in January 2015.

An invited selection panel will choose the work to be accepted and the aim will be to have a well-balanced exhibition with work from as many art genres as possible including paintings, original prints, drawings, sculpture and ceramics but not photography. This is because Ilminster Arts Centre will be holding a separate exhibition for photographers later in the year - contact the Arts Centre for more information.

Forms and payment must be received by the deadline of Friday, March 21st (Entry Fees: 1 piece: £15 / 2 pieces: £25 / 3 pieces: £35). Submitted work needs to be delivered on Saturday, March 29th between 10am-12noon. Entrants will be informed during the evening of Saturday, March 29th if work is unselected and will be asked to collect the next day (Sunday, March 30th between 10am-11am).

The exhibition runs from Monday, March 31st until Saturday, April 26th. The Gallery will be open Monday-Friday 9.30am-4.30pm, and Saturdays 9.30am-2.30pm. Admission is free.

All money raised from entry fees will go towards supporting Ilminster Arts Centre. For further information contact Ilminster Arts Centre on: 01460 54973 or email: info@themeetinghouse.org.uk.

Coffee Morning in aid of the Catherine Wells-Burr Foundation

FRIENDSHIP and Sons funeral directors at 15 High Street, Chard, will be holding a coffee morning on Friday, March 21st from 11am -2pm in aid of the Catherine Wells-Burr Foundation.

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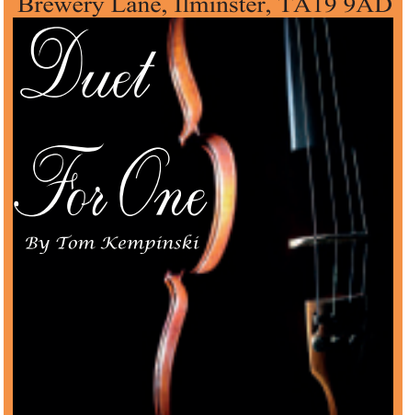

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Spring at last - time to spring clean and spruce up to get the best price!

Spring is the time of year that the property markets really gets going and 2014 is proving to be no different. With the change in the weather into something more seasonal, lighter evenings, and a gradual warmth of the sun, buyers are cheering up and getting more serious about their searches. More property tends to get listed for sale at this time of year. For the buyer ths is good news as there is more to choose from. For the seller this means more competition. Here are my top tips for getting sold for the best price you can.

Top Tip 1
Kerb appeal is king!
Make the drive by for your home a selling feature. Tidy the front, make sure the approach to the door is clear and visible, and above all pretty it up with some fresh paint and flowering plants. A flaking front door and an overgrown and littered garden are not aspirational and will hinder your sale.

Top Tip 2
The colours of spring are magnolia and white!
A feshly painted property in neutral colours does two jobs for the price of one. First a neutral backdrop helps a buyer visualise themselves and their possessions in a property and that makes it easier for them to see how your home will work for them. Second they do not have to think about doing any work before moving in and that means your property will have an advantage over one that does.

Top tip 3
Stage each room to show what it is there for
Muddled spaces confuse buyers. If you use all your reception rooms as living areas you risk the buyer missing the separate dining room or study potential. That means dressing a reception room as a dining room, putting a single bed or pull out bed into the smallest bedroom, and making sure every space clearly defines what the buyer can use it for. More rooms mean more money - so make sure your buyer can see just how much they are getting for their money.

Top tip 4
Spring stands for Spring Clean!
Buyers really love clean. The only thing they like better than clean is spotless! Cleaning portrays images of a happy home, a friendly welcome, care and pride taken in the property, and is exactly the right impression. You may be taking the cooker and the fridge - but make sure they are just as spotless. You may not be selling them but that does not mean they wont be judged!

Top tip 5
Fabulous photos on the web and details!
Why go to all this trouble if your home is not presented beautifully to potential buyers. If you have done all the hard work make sure your agent has done the same. The photograph of the front should feature a blue sky on a sunny day. All the interior rooms should be visible. A floorplan is an absolute must. People today are visual - they use pictures far more then text. 5 poor quality photos is just not doing your home justice. Lots of pictures, and all of them telling a story on how a buyer can use your home.

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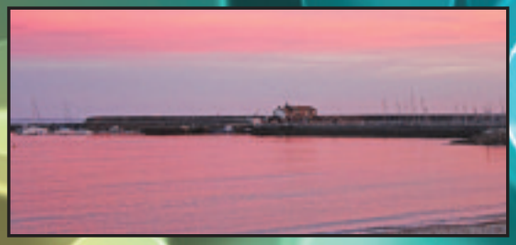

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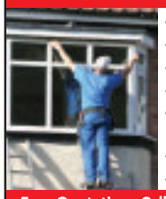

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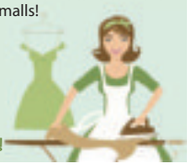

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FORD'S stylish and eye-catching Titanium X Sport series has joined the new Kuga range to offer the highest specified Ford SUV available, with the following styling, luxury and technology features as standard.

The new all-wheel-drive Kuga Titanium X Sport, priced at £28,345, inherits an impressive list of other standard equipment such as opening panorama roof, heated front Torino leather seats and 10-way powered driver's seat.

The introduction of a Kuga Titanium X Sport, with 1.6 EcoBoost petrol (150/182PS) or 2.0 TDCi diesel (140/163PS) engines, was prompted by high demand for the Titanium series, which accounted for 80 per cent of sales.

New Kuga, which arrived in dealerships a year ago, has sent sales soaring by over 40 per cent since March 2013 compared with the 12 months prior.

Among its styling, safety and convenience options is Ford Kuga's hands-free tailgate (www.youtube.com/watch?v=yAncWrPytJM&feature=youtu.be) – the first to be offered on a medium-sized SUV in Europe.

The £350 option on Kuga Titanium X Sport and Titanium X, which includes keyless opening, enables customers to open the boot without using their hands, but by a gentle kicking motion under the rear bumper.

The innovation was chosen by more than one in five of all Ford Kuga buyers in Britain last year and has already been added to over 56 per cent of early Titanium X Sport orders in the UK.

"Everyone has approached their car with their hands full and wished there was some magical way of opening the boot without having to put the load down first," said Mark Ovenden, chairman and managing director, Ford of Britain. "Our hands-free tailgate is an ingenious solution to make everyday lives easier, and one tailored for our new top-end Ford Kuga customers as the majority have chosen it."

The system employs two sensors in the rear bumper that register the driver's leg and respond to the kicking motion. This ensures a hands-free tailgate cannot be accidentally activated, for example by an animal running under the car.

The Ford Kuga range also features Active Park Assist, Active City Stop, and All-Wheel Drive that pre-emptively reassesses conditions 20 times faster than it takes to blink an eye, readjusting the power split to give the driver the best blend of handling and traction.

The new Kuga spearheads Ford's extending Smart Utility Vehicle range that also includes the small EcoSport SUV, on sale now, and will later include the upscale Edge – a larger SUV that is already a success in North America and other markets.

▲ Kuga Titanium X Sport

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Isuzu Has The Edge With Special Edition Pick-Up

ISUZU UK has enhanced the rugged appeal of its award-winning pick-up range with the addition of a special edition, exclusive-to-the-UK model, the Isuzu D-Max Blade. With the new Blade, Isuzu hopes to attract new customers to the Brand including those who may not have considered a pick-up vehicle previously.

The new special edition, which goes on sale in April, boasts a long list of unique style enhancements and technology upgrades certain to help the vehicle stand out from the crowd. Based off a premium model from the D-Max range, the new Blade special edition features more than £5,000 worth of additional equipment and yet is available from just £24,995 (CVOTR), representing a saving of £1,000 if the accessories were bought separately.

Prices for the new model are £24,995 (CVOTR) for the six-speed manual or £25,995 (CVOTR) for the five-speed auto, which compares favourably with similarly specced special edition models from Isuzu's nearest rivals.

The head-turning style of the D-Max Blade starts with the bold 18-inch, six-spoke 'Shadow' alloy wheels shod with 255/60 R18 Pirelli Scorpion Zero tyres. The exterior upgrades continue with a 'Shadow' grey front grille, privacy glass windows, black door and tailgate handles, black roof bars and rear bumper, and heavy-duty side steps. Each exterior addition creates a striking contrast to the two available body colours, solid 'Splash White' or mica 'Cosmic Black'.

The Isuzu D-Max Blade also comes standard with an under-rail bed liner for added practicality while customers can then choose between an Aeroklas hard top complete with internal light or a Mountain Top Black Roller Top Cover which is unique to the Blade and cannot be purchased as a separate accessory. Whichever option customers choose, the tops come supplied and fitted within the on the road price.

The high-value additions to the five-seat pick-up continue inside. Automatic climate control and premium black leather seats – which have been factory upgraded for 2014 and are heated in the front – will cosset Blade occupants. Customers of the new Blade will also benefit from DAB digital radio via a state-of-the-art Pioneer AVIC-F950 6.1-inch touchscreen navigation system, complete with integrated rear safety camera. The Pioneer system offers an enhanced audio experience and convenience over the already class leading 'surround' system found in Yukon and Utah models.

The Isuzu D-Max Blade is matched to the powerful-yet-efficient 2.5-litre twin-turbo diesel engine, producing 163 PS and 400 Nm of torque, while still returning a segment best fuel economy of 38.2 mpg (combined). The running gear has also been carried over by Isuzu, meaning customers benefit from a towing capacity of 3.5-tonnes and 1-tonne payload.

William Brown, General Manager at Isuzu UK, said: "The new Isuzu D-Max Blade is a high-value, high-quality proposition that we hope will widen the appeal of the D-Max further and take us into new market segments. It's been designed to appeal to urban tradespeople as well as recreational lifestyle users looking for a pick-up that stands out from the crowd. The Blade meets the growing demand for a stylish pick-up that doubles up as an everyday workhorse for those who need it."

▲ Isuzu D-Max Blade

Fiat Customers Can 'Say No' in March with Sign & Drive

FIAT customers are being offered the opportunity to say 'No' to a deposit and 'No' to the first three monthly PCP repayments, so all they have to do is sign and drive off in a new FIAT Panda or FIAT Punto complete with its new "14" registration number.*

For a strictly limited period of two weeks, from March 10 to March 24, FIAT is introducing a new customer saving and three-month PCP repayment holiday which results in an extra £500 saving to buyers of a new FIAT Panda or FIAT Punto. In the case of FIAT Panda 1.2 Pop, for example, this initiative is in addition to the £1,450 savings already on offer, resulting in a total saving to the customer of £1,950. The remaining 44 repayments would be just £107.26 (Representative 3.8% APR) with an optional final repayment £3,062 due in March 2018. The FIAT Punto 1.2 Pop now offers total savings amounting to £2,455 with monthly repayments of just £129.33 (Representative 4.2% APR) plus an optional final repayment.

Alternatively, customers also have the option of foregoing the deposit contribution and repayment holiday and instead using the £500 FIAT contribution towards their monthly repayments, resulting in a deposit of just £98 and 47 repayments of £98 for the FIAT Panda 1.2 Pop (plus optional final repayment) or a £118 deposit and 47 monthly repayments of £118 for the FIAT Punto 1.2 Pop (plus optional final repayment).

The FIAT 'Say No' sales event commences today (March 10) and runs until March 24, 2014 and is open to all retail customers subject to certain terms and conditions*. The offer isn't limited to the examples given – other versions of the Panda and Punto are available as part of the 'Say No' FIAT initiative as well.

Kate McLaren, Senior Brand Manager FIAT UK, commented, "We believe that being able to put a brand new fully-warrantied FIAT Panda or Punto on the driveway, without having to stump up a deposit and with very affordable monthly repayments, offers customers huge peace-of-mind at a time when household budgets are stretched and keeping an older vehicle in safe and roadworthy condition can be a real challenge.The payment holiday also offers a welcome break from monthly payments and frees up those funds to be used elsewhere."

The five-door FIAT Panda is the second-best selling car in its segment in Europe, behind the FIAT 500, and is a practical, efficient and stylish city car. The FIAT Punto offers even more space and comfort, as well as the option of a sporty three-door hatchback, while retaining the efficiency and affordable stylishness that FIAT is synonymous with.

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Driven By Beauty: Citroën & Benefit Debut DS3 Special Editions

Citroën has revealed the first production model DS3 special editions designed in collaboration with Benefit Cosmetics.

On sale from today (12 March) and priced from £14,795, the glamorous DS3 by Benefit line-up consists of two models – based on the existing DSign and DStyle trim levels – which take inspiration from Benefit's fun and iconic beauty products. A third Benefit special edition DS3 will be unveiled later in the summer.

In a retailing first, Citroën and Benefit have worked with ASOS – the UK's largest independent online fashion and beauty retailer – to create the first online car boutique, on a dedicated section of the site at www.asos.com/citroen. Visitors can explore the new DS3 by Benefit special editions, see the inspiration behind the styling, browse the fashion and accessories used in the adverts and even get in touch with Citroën to book a test drive.

DS3 DSIGN BY BENEFIT

Inspired by Benefits' world renowned Benetint™ – their signature red lip and cheek stain – DS3 DSign by Benefit is powered by an efficient VTi 82 engine with a manual gearbox and is based on the DSign specification, but with added features.

The body is finished in Ruby Red metallic paint with a white roof and door mirrors, along with dark tinted rear windows, chrome detailing and 17" white alloy wheels.

The chic styling continues inside with a white dashboard, air vent surrounds and gear stick cap; bespoke black velour carpet mats with red piping and red Benefit logo, and aluminium pedals. A generous specification includes day-time running LED lights, air conditioning and a Connecting Box with Bluetooth® and USB connectivity. The luxury feel is further reinforced with attractive, stylish and sophisticated Alcantara trim on the sports seats.

▲ Driven By Beauty: Citroën & Benefit Debut DS3 Special Editions

DS3 DSTYLE BY BENEFIT

Inspired by 'They're Real!'™ – the UK's best-selling mascara – DS3 DStyle by Benefit is powered by a sportyVTi 120 manual and is based on the well-specified DStyle Plus trim.

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Inside, the cabin is seductive with a gloss black dashboard, air vent surrounds and gear stick cap; bespoke black velour carpet mats with orange piping and orange Benefit logo, and aluminium pedals. These features are greatly enhanced by the luxurious Alcantara trim on the sports seats, which further adds to the car's undeniable aesthetic appeal.

A City Signature pack includes automatic digital air conditioning, automatically illuminating headlamps, automatic rain sensitive wipers, rear parking sensors, electrically heated and folding door mirrors, an electrochrome rear view mirror, interior mood lighting and a front central armrest. The Connecting Box system (Bluetooth® and USB) is also fitted.

DS3 DSign and DStyle by Benefit are available from £14,795 and £16,795 respectively. The addition of Benefit beauty products and a special make up bag designed to fit in the glove box with every model enhances the allure of this truly enchanting car – the ultimate accessory.

On both models, a Benefit logo badge signatures the rear, whilst the company's trademark 'Gabbi's head' motif appears on the 'shark fin' B pillars and the body colour-coordinated key fob.

Benefit Cosmetics Managing Directors, Ian Marshall & Gail Bojarski added: "Following the overwhelmingly positive response to 'DS3 by Benefit concept', which was launched at the end of last year, we are very excited with plans to launch a whole series of limited edition 'Benefit' DS3's. With Citroën we have found a partner that shares our forward thinking vision and who also likes to do things differently. To launch the series, we are delighted to be partnering with ASOS to create the world's first online car boutique!

New Citroën C1: Uk Prices & Trims Announced

NEW Citroën C1 will go 'on sale' in the UK in July. The New C1 city car offers three well-specified trim levels – Touch, Feel & Flair – with the new Airscape versions specified in Feel and Flair trim.

Available with three and five doors, the New C1 range starts at just £8,245 for the New C1 Touch VTi 68 manual 3-door, rising to £11,935 for the New C1 Airscape Flair VTi 68 ETG 5-door.

There will be eight body colours to choose from, including four metallic options, along with three wheel designs and four interior upholstery finishes. The fabric roof will be available in three colours for the Airscape models (Black, Grey & Sunrise Red).

The New C1 range is powered by two latest-generation petrol engines: a VTi 68, available with either a 5-speed manual or a 5-speed clutchless Efficient Tronic Gearbox (ETG), or as an e-VTi 68 Airdream 5-speed manual with Stop & Start technology. There is also the addition of Citroën's latest 3-cylinder 'PureTech' VTi 82 engine with a 5-speed manual transmission.

Generously equipped, the lead-in New Citroën C1 Touch standard specification includes ABS, EBA, ESP, power steering, high frequency remote central locking, electric front windows, six airbags, an MP3 compatible audio system, a USB socket and LED daytime running lights.

New Citroën C1 Feel adds air conditioning, DAB digital radio, 7" Touch Drive interface with Mirror Screen technology and steering mounted controls, along with body coloured door mirrors and door handles.

New Citroën C1 Flair sports 15"'Planet' alloy wheels and additional features including a speed limiter, rev counter, reversing camera, electrically heated and adjustable door mirrors, a leather steering wheel and dark tinted rear windows.

Optional extras include automatic air conditioning, automatic headlights, keyless entry & start and styling details such as black leather upholstery and various interior colour packs.

▲ New Citroën C1

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Melcombe Regis	11	47
Misterton	12	42
South Petherton	11	25

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Martock C	11	94
Yeovil B	9	59
Martock D	12	58
Bridport	10	49
Yeovil C	12	42
Misterton B	9	32
Chard B	7	16

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Martock B	9	77
Weymouth	10	64
Wincanton	10	56
Somerton	8	45
Sherborne B	9	43
Somerton B	11	31
Beaminster	9	14

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Wincanton B	10	73
Sherborne C	9	53
Weymouth B	8	51
Shaftesbury	8	41
Bridport B	7	31
Somerton C	7	21
Beaminster B	9	20

Chard and Redstart on target in High 5s

HOLYROOD Academy played host to a High 5's Netball Tournament for its feeder primary schools on Wednesday, March 5th.

Holyrood welcomed five teams consisting of approximately 15 boys and 25 girls to the courts at the school, with the matches being umpired by Holyrood students.

A fantastic atmosphere was created by the large number of supporting staff, parents and friends - making the event a huge success.

Participating schools were: Ashill, Buckland, Chard and Redstart.

Winners of the competition were; Redstart and Chard, these two teams will now go forward to represent the Holyrood cluster in the South Somerset District Finals to be played on Thursday, March 20th.

jack high bowls news

Royals closing in on title

IMERRIOTT *with Anne Weeks*

IN the Milford & Dormer Mixed Triples League Merriott Canaries struggled this week against the Hurricanes, but managed to pull back to post a fairly respectable score of 17-11 but were disappointed with their performance.

CHARD *with Sandra Sumpter*

IN the Milford & Dormor Mixed Triples League third in the table Greyhounds played second placed Royals.

The match was all-square at 5-5 after seven ends and 8-8 after 12. Finally Greyhounds took four shots on the penultimate end and Royals could only reply with a single on the last end. Greyhounds took the game 12-9.

Leaders Harlequins took on Magpies who are working their way up the table.

After seven ends Harlequins were leading 7–5 but Magpies then had a couple of good ends taking three and four shots which left Harlequins playing catch-up. Finally Magpies won 15–12.

Canaries against Hurricanes was a tale of two halves. Canaries 'flew' into a 9-1 lead after eight ends, but could only manage to win one more end, finally losing 10-12.

M & D table	Pld	Pts
Harlequins	20	26
Royals	18	26
Greyhounds	19	19
Magpies	18	17
Hurricanes	18	12
Canaries	19	12

hockey chard

Depleted Chard trimmed at Teign

TEIGN A 3 CHARD 2ND XI 0

AFTER last week's thumping win over second placed North Devon, it was disappointing for captain Kyle Wheaton to find himself struggling to put out a team for the trip to Dawlish.

The 12 man squad included semi-fit Danny Grabham who limped off at half-time with a recurrence of a hamstring injury, veteran Trevor Goss who is handicapped by an achilles problem and Murray Wheaton is also still feeling his way back to full fitness after breaking his collar bone.

Besides Grabham, there was call up from the 3rd XI for Fraser Lewis who grew in confidence the longer the game went on.

When Teign sprinted to a 2-0 lead after just 10 minutes on a very bouncy surface, Chard must have feared they were in for a heavy defeat.

The fact that they confined the home side to just one further goal midway through the second-half from a well struck penalty corner speaks volumes for effort everyone put in.

The first-half, however, was a disjointed affair for the team, the unfamiliar line up taking time to gel, with too many hopeful long balls hit in the general direction of forwards who usually had the attention of a defender close at hand.

Captain Wheaton, freed of his usual defensive duties, did his best to inspire a comeback with several surging runs from inside Chard's half, while his younger brother and the gangly Alex Gurd went close to reducing the deficit from the few chances that came their way.

The second-half saw some improvement in Chard's passing game and a more even contest in terms of possession.

Gurd in particular had a great chance to pull a goal back as Teign had to defend for longer periods than before the interval.

Keeper Berge Balion made some important interventions to prevent the home side extending their lead, but was beaten for sheer pace by the penalty corner shot which brought Teign's third goal.

Chard finished the match on the attack but they were unable to convert it for the consolation goal their effort justified.

Team: *B Balion, D Lury, P Tratt, S Mahoney, D Grabham, K Wheaton, J Spurdle, T Squires, M Wheaton, F Lewis, T Goss, A Gurd.*

WINCANTON 0
CHARD SUNDAY LADIES 1
Friendly

GLORIOUS sunshine got Chard up early for this friendly encounter at Sherborne, but the game proved far from the picnic in the park that the visitors seemed ready for.

Despite good individual skills, particularly from youngsters Katie Lee and Abbi Wheaton, Chard seemed unable to find the shape and determination that wins matches, at times looking happy just to bask in the sun.

As a result the half-time score was a low key 0-0.

In the second-half the game opened up with Emma Wyatt being given licence to push forwards and a switch in ball direction from left to right by Lois Butcher allowed Becky Black to get a good ball through for Georgia Caird to claim what proved to be the winning goal.

Thanks to Vince Sharpe for travelling to umpire, and to match sponsors Top Togs of Chard.

Team: *Charlie Carver-Bale, Sue Stoker, Becky Black, Emma Wyatt, Abbi Wheaton, Katie Lee,Michelle Allen, Ros Clemmans, Georgia Caird, Lois Butcher.*

point-to-point wessex

Medic could provide the tonic

The New Forest Hunt at Larkhill

MASTER Medic is fancied to resume winning ways for New York owner Jim Chromiak and Okeford Fitzpaine trainer Sally Alner in the New Forest Mixed Open at Larkhill tomorrow.

The 13-year-old was denied a ninth consecutive success when third at Badbury Rings, but should find Larkhill's right-hand track much more to his liking.

The 26 entries include Following Dreams, who provided Will Biddick's 200th career success at Barbury Castle, Tim Sage's three-time 2013 winner Presentandcorrect, Schindler's Prince, course winner Round Tom, who failed to threaten at the CA (Wessex) Club meeting at Badbury Rings and former top chaser What A Friend, another who couldn't get into contention there.

Five-time chase winner Gullible Gordon, who pulled up at Howick a fortnight ago, Lord Ashton of Hyde's Cup winner Rumbavu – already a Larkhill course winner this season – and Sally Duckett's three-time Hunter Chase winner Radetsky March may be the three to challenge Master Medic.

Gullible Gordon, Presentandcorrect, Schindler's Prince and Radetsky March are among the 24 entries for the PPORA Novice Riders and must all be considered if facing the starter.

Barbury Castle winner Latest Trend is another for the short list, along with dual Cheltenham Festival hero Idole First, who would be an appropriate winner if following up his recent Didmarton success.

The two suggestions are Tim Underwood's Tempelpirate, who stormed home here under Katy Lyons in February, and Barneys Mate, caught close home after leading former top chaser Join Together over the last at Charlton Horethorne on Sunday.

Illicit Illusion can complete his seasonal hat-trick in the opening Conditions race. Lake Legend maintained his unbeaten pointing record – four from four – at Garthorpe but the fascinating runner is Aiteen Thirtythree, making his first appearance between the flags since 2009 after winning a bumper, hurdle race and two chases under Rules.

Combined Services winners Grand Exit and Overafrica can fight out the finish of the Restricted.

Two Maiden contests complete the card. Tom Lacey's selection from Bandeirantes, Freddy Fox and Susie Sheep can contest the three-mile contest with Richard Barber's Mishkaluch and Mister Trebus. Action Ball and Pure Oxygen are the two for the 2m 4f event.

Two well-supported pony races begin proceedings at 11.30am, followed by the first of six point-to-point races at 12.30pm.

The course is five miles NW of Amesbury on Salisbury Plain, reached off the A303, A345 or A360 (SP4 8QT). Admission: £10 per person, under 16s free.

ON THE SPOT

Weekender Sport *puts the questions to* ***PSDL goalscoring legend and pick of the league star***

Ellis Hoole

Q How old are you? and how long were you involved in local football?

A I'm 48. I played youth football at Lyme Regis before progressing into the senior teams at 14. I finished playing in 2005.

Q Which teams did you play for or manage?

A I played for Lyme Regis before moving to Uplyme for a season. I returned to Lyme (and was player-manager for one season) and scored more than 500 PSDL goals and was selected for the pick-of-the-League team. I also played for Bridport and Chard Town in the Western League and also had two seasons with Dorchester Town.

Q Name the best three players you played alongside.

A I'd say it would be **Phil Everett** and **Alistair McLennan** at Lyme Regis and **Steve Crabb** at Bridport and Dorchester Town.

Q And your three most difficult opponents?

A **Mike Lord** (Axminster Town), **Rod Hansford** (Beaminster) and **Andy Gready** (Misterton).

Q What is your favourite away ground?

A **Beaminster**'s Memorial Ground - I had some great battles there!

Q Do any matches or incidents stick in your memory?

A Two matches. The 1985-86 Dorset Junior Cup Final when Lyme came from behind to beat Weston 6-4 - an incredible game! And also playing for Dorchester Town against my favourite team Chelsea when the Avenue Stadium was officially opened back in 1990.

Q What is your most treasured football trophy?

A I was fortunate to win the PSDL Premier Division trophy and was also a member of the Lyme teams that lifted the Dorset Junior and Intermediate trophies on several occasions. But it would have to be my Life Membership award at Lyme Regis FC. .

Q What was the first professional match you watched live?

A Bristol City 1 Spurs 0 at Ashton Gate 1977.

Next: TBA

■ *IF you've played local football for a while, or are a retired player, and you fancy a crack at 'On the Spot' then email;* ***howard@pemedia.co.uk***

skittles news

CREWKERNE LEAGUE

Division One	Pld	Pts
Lost Boys	17	166
Super Sexy Six	17	149
Headhunters	16	115
Football Club	16	106
Coachmen	17	106
Stray Cats	15	94
Muddled Men	16	90*
Royal Oak Drimpton	15	85
Con Club Legends	16	72
King Willy Dogs	16	65
Raptors	16	56
The Fryers	17	54

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Perrott Monkeys	17	113
Rollers	15	106
Muppets	16	104*
Fuddlers	16	99
Rug Rats	17	99
Skimmers	16	98
Club Fixers	14	94*
Brewers Bees	16	93
Pinbusters	17	93
Nomads	15	92*
Concorde	15	69
Sports 92	16	56

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Acorns	17	148
Chis Colts	16	136
Loud & Proud	15	112
The Likely Lads	17	108
Hung Like Horses	16	99
Beer Leg Boys	16	88
Ugly Ducklings	16	85
Rotary	17	83
Knappers	16	77
Sandbaggers	16	76*
Willy Low Flyers	15	75
Kings Men	17	71

*= Pts deducted (cancellations/late cards)

ILMINSTER & DISTRICT

DIVISION ONE

Bell A 347-3 (S.Hooper 57) Crown Crusaders 359-9 (S.Paul 53), Royal Oak faces 319-9 (D.Whaites 45) Cricketers 309-3 (T.Lloyd, A Gray 42), Flying Turkeys 422-11 (J.Thompson 63) Rockeys Rollers 381-1 (K.Wilmington 55), Crown Royals 391-2 (S.Elswood 73), Nomads 422 (L.Bond 71).

Division One	Pld	Pts
Flying Turkeys	14	98
Crown Crusaders	13	94
Rockey's Rollers	13	92
Royal Oak Faces	13	80
Crown Royals	14	80
Bell A	13	78
Ashill Boys	12	74
Cricketers	14	69
Nomads	13	53

DIVISION TWO

Ilton Choppers 339-3 9A.Hebrone 52) Flying Turkeys Allstars 375-9 (S.Canney 54), King's Head 304-2 (I.Kendall 45) Bell Broadway (319-10 (R.Carter 45), Hatch Eggs 331-1 (C.Deserve 50) Wyndham Warriors 364-11 (F.Clydesdale 58), Wyndham Clangers 315-9 (B.Richards 50) Hatch Beagles 307-3 (D.Hutchins 46).

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Flying Turkeys Allstars	13	123
Wyndham Warriors	14	92
Ashill Inn	13	94
Wyndham Clangers	14	92
King's Head	14	88
Bell Broadway	13	84
Hatch Beagles	13	84
Ilton Choppers	13	43
Hatch Eggs	14	16

darts news

CHARD LEAGUE

Premier	Pld	Pts
High 4 & a Half	17	286
BDB's	17	280
Rejects Return	17	268
New Order	16	213
Clubbers	16	212
Hobnobs	16	184
Phoenix Poppes	17	176
Downs	16	162
Pig Jockeys	15	161
Hopefuls	15	148

Most 180s: Leighton Cox (High 4 & a Half) 9. **Team**: High 4 & Half 20.

Division One	Pld	Pts
Country Classics	17	262
Happy Sharks	17	184
Pirates	17	179
Stumpy's Gang	17	166
Cult of Personality	17	162
Pop Darts	16	161
PA's	17	126
Madhouse Crew	17	124
HRT	16	121
From Small Acorns	15	103

Most 180s: Dave Mears (Country Classics) 3. **Team**: Country Classics 9.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
We can Do This	16	185
Winning Team	16	184
Best of a Bad Lot	17	183
Two Minute Crew	15	173
Chard Remains	16	152
Happy Days	17	151
Red Devils	16	145
Dizzy Tarts	15	120
B's Knees	15	118
Rare Breeds	13	103

Most 180s: James Packer (We can do This) 2. **Team**: Two Minute Crew and We Can do This - both 2.

scrum-down chard rugby

WITH GLYN HUGHES

Chard made to pay by clinical Camborne

Chard 18 Camborne 22

THIS was a game that Chard could have won comfortably but Camborne were able to make the most of the few scoring chances that came their way *writes Glyn Hughes*.

Chard went on the attack immediately from the off and, with a three man overlap on the right wing, looked certain to score. But Camborne winger Alex Ducker intercepted the final pass and sprinted fully 80 metres to score under the posts. David Mankee converted.

This unfortunate start was amazingly followed by a very similar situation a few minutes later and again Ducker raced the whole length of the pitch for his second try converted by Mankee.

Chard were now 14-0 down with the game only seven minutes old and they already had a mountain to climb.

Territorially the hosts were having the better of things, but some sloppy passing let them down and another ten minutes would pass before skipper Chris Doak reduced the arrears with a penalty goal.

Soon afterwards Chard were right back in it when full back Bryan Harrison came into the line to score a try close to the posts which Doak converted.

Other than the interceptions Camborne had not spent much time in the Chard half and shortly before the half-time break they had the first of three players sent to the bin.

Chard had several kickable penalties close to the Camborne line but initially opted to take a scrummage with a view to going for a try.

But the streetwise visiting forwards were able to nullify things by giving penalties away and it was somewhat of a surprise that Chard were not awarded a penalty try.

With the referee saying that the half would finish at the end of the next play Chard took the sensible option and Doak kicked the penalty to take his side to within one point at 13-14.

Having clawed their way back into the game after such a disastrous start Chard now had the momentum and really should have gone on to win the game.

Camborne had another player sent to the bin but they still managed to disrupt the Chard link-up play and Chard were unable to take advantage of having two extra players on the pitch for ten minutes.

Indeed Camborne increased their lead when they were two down with a long range penalty goal - this time from the boot of full-back Grant Thirlby

Despite having much of the play Chard were getting rather anxious and the normal fluidity of their play was missing but at this stage they were still only one score behind and with plenty of time left .

On Camborne's next excursion into the Chard 22metre however the hosts were guilty of playing the wrong sort of rugby in the wrong place when, with plenty of time to clear their lines, they opted to run the ball out with no obvious space available.

The ball got lost in the tackle and from the resultant scrum Camborne won clean ball and a clever blind side break was finished off by Ducker for an unconverted try.

Chard came back strongly and wing Jack Pennington went close before Chard eventually pulled a try back with a well planned lineout move which their efforts deserved.

Camborne were expecting Chard to catch and drive but hooker Simon Jenkins took a short pass to run through unopposed for an unconverted try.

Chard did get a losing bonus point for being within seven points but on the day their play was too frenetic and Camborne were a clever side who were good defensively and took their chances well.

Chard: *Harrison, Roberts, L Massey, Douglas, Pennington, Doak, Helliar, Parsons, Wright, Twigg, Gosden, Henly, Hyslop, Jenkins, Aplin. Replacements: Robinson, Johnson, J Massey.*

Tomorrow Chard have a very attractive home fixture against league leaders St Austell (kick-off 3pm)

Supporters please note that the Italy v England game will be shown in the clubhouse prior to the match.

◆ **Two Chard players, Gabriel Riley and Ben Mainwaring, were in the England Colleges team who played Wales in Cardiff on Sunday.**

SW1 Table (Top)	Pld	+/-	Pts
St Austell	21	352	78
Hornets	20	310	76
Cleve	21	285	76
Camborne	20	141	72
North Petherton	20	113	66
CHARD	19	120	64
Thornbury	20	-131	50
Bridgwater & Albion	22	29	47
Bideford	19	-61	36

Wells 2nds 20 Chard 2nds 28

A VERY welcome away win for Chard, but they made such heavy work of it *writes Andrew Hopper*.

The hosts started well enjoying territorial dominance and a glut of possession, keeping Chard pinned in their own half. The team's usual discipline was lacking and they alienated the referee with unecessary backchat.

Wells' domination and poor Chard discipline resulted in a string of penalties which enabled Wells to take the lead with a kick in front of the posts.

Chard bucked their ideas up and, as in previous weeks when they did get the ball moved into midfield, looked threatening. Some quick ball and a deft pass to Ben Stead created an opening which Stead burst through to score, Sam Mouland converted to make it 7-3. The hosts came back and more Chard indiscipline gave them a kickable penalty which their fly half duly slotted, to make it 6-7.

Chard then played their best rugby of the game, forcing good field position, they secured an attacking lineout and drop the resulting maul over the Wells line for prop Billy Biss to score. Mouland converted and Chard led 6-14 at half time.

The change of ends at the break gave Wells the advantage of the slope which they were quick to exploit with another period of domination - but Chard held them out.

As before, ball in hand, Chard looked good, though all too often miss-directed passes or the ball being dropped meant promising moves came to nothing.

However, another successful driving maul from short range brought a second try for Biss to put some space between the teams at 6-21.

Wells then counter attacked and a score was inevitable and it duly came when the home number 8 finished off a stream of relentless attacks to close the gap to 13-21.

Wells sensed their chance and they pounded away with attack after attack. They eventually did get over the line following some short-range drives to put the game on a one-point knife edge at 20-21.

Chard sealed the win when Stead burst through some defensive hesitation for his second score which Mouland converted.

SOMERSET 1	Pld	+/-	Pts
Clevedon II	21	370	88
Castle Cary	21	307	78
Imperial	20	156	72
Hornets II	19	160	62
North Petherton II	19	109	62
CREWKERNE	20	143	52
Wellington II	18	48	51
Yatton II	21	37	51
Midsomer Norton II	19	-24	48
Bridgwater & Albion II	20	109	44
Old Sulians	20	-185	30
CHARD II	19	-288	29
Wells II	21	-596	7
Old Redcliffians III	20	-346	-6

Glovers In Focus

By Stuart Broom

Rollercoaster of a season continues

YEOVIL Town's rollercoaster season continues. After the euphoria of beating Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday, they slumped to a disappointing defeat against Mick McCarthy's Ipswich Town.

Saturday's victory was emphatic against an Owls side that had gone nine games unbeaten away from home in what was probably their most commanding home performance of the season,

Ishmael Miller's brace, the second a superb curling shot from 20 yards, gave Glovers fans hope that their five game unbeaten run was going to continue.

Naturally Gary Johnson named an unchanged team and they started in similar vein with Tom Lawrence ripping the visiting defence to pieces down the left.

Unfortunately except for his superb curling 20 yard effort that just missed the far post after two minutes, keeper Dean Gherkin had very little to do, and I can't remember a Yeovil shot on goal to worry him all game.

The Glovers dominated the first 30 minutes, and it was perhaps credit to them that the only way to stop them was to foul them.

Ipswich certainly earned their nickname "Tractor Boys" by their agricultural approach to the game, breaking up any promising attack or run by scything the Yeovil player down.

The Glovers weren't helped again by poor refereeing, Simon Hooper, another to add to the list of sub-standard officials to visit Huish Park this season, allowed twelve fouls before finally booking Luke Hyam in the 34th minute.

It took Ipswich 37 minutes to gain a corner such was Yeovil's control.

Unfortunately the hosts did not clear their lines when put under pressure for the first time, and from the fourth consecutive flag kick, Scottish international Christophe Berra scored the only goal of the game close in at the far post.

Miller shoots down Owls but Tractor Boys pinch points

That seemed to be the turning point in the game and from then on Yeovil's play became ragged.

One can only hope that Johnson's reason for substituting James Hayter and Miller at half-time for Kieffer Moore and Sam Hoskins was because of injury and not tactical, because it completely backfired.

Both were totally ineffective.

Hoskins was having his first game since December following a hernia operation so was probably match rusty.

Moore, having been suspended for Saturday's game, once again ambled around the pitch, although to be fair to him he did almost claim a merited point with a thunderous shot on the turn from Shane Duffy's headed pass but the ball struck the inside of the far post and flashed across the face of goal to safety.

low key second-half

The second-half was a very poor affair, and Marek Stech was only called on twice to make saves, be it two superb diving saves to his right in added time, such was ability of either side to find the goal.

Fortunately all the other sides around them lost except Doncaster who got a late winner, so everything is still fairly even, but this was a great chance missed.

Anticipating a win and buoyed by our current form I paid over £730 for two new season tickets before the match, but I wonder if I have done the right thing.

Returning, once again, to the poor standard of referees who have officiated Yeovil matches, I was intrigued to find Premiership referee Mike Dean in charge of Saturday's televised match between Blackburn and Burnley, two high riding teams.

Am I just being cynical, but don't remember seeing any of the 'big boys' in the middle at Huish Park.

Was it because it was being televised, or do the lower clubs suffer by having the worst referees?

...anyway, Come on you Glovers!

football yeovil 6-a-side

TOP met bottom in the Yeovil six-a-side league – and with the title already wrapped up you could perhaps have forgiven NWA for taking it easy against Salmon. Far from it though, and the champions elect ran out 5-3 victors.

Kamikaze Zebras were the pick of the winners elsewhere and cruised home 4-1 against STFC.

49 Shades Of Andy Gray and Pele's Children remain deep in trouble in Division One as both were defeated again this week, 3-0 and 4-0, against Barrington FC and Welders respectively.

Tangerine Dream were in dreamland in Division Two, securing an astonishing 16-1 win over 1 Hit Wanderers, who remain bottom of the pile.

While at the top end of the table the goalless draw between The Only Way Is Wessex and Swag Lads did neither side any favours in the championship race.

◆ ***THE new season in the Yeovil Monday Six-a-side kicks off in a fortnight's time and anyone who wants to join the leagues in time for the new campaign can secure their place by signing-up online at www.leisureleagues.net***

cycling chard wheelers

Merry time at Merryfield

MCKINLAYS 1st Chard Wheelers racers produced a top day of results and performances last Sunday at RNAS Merryfield.

In the third cat race Paul Barratt and Justin Dance got in a five-man breakaway which stayed clear throughout.

The Chard duo were too strong for the other three in the final sprint with veteran Barratt rolling back the years and producing an excellent sprint to win, closely followed by Dance in second place.

Rising road and track rider Emily Attfield won the U16 girls race with another consistently high level ride, while Ryan White took second place with a 35mph sprint in the U16 boys against a large field.

One of the best performances of the day came in the boys Under 12 race. Evan Richards, who has spent the winter training with the Welsh development squad, put his intensive coaching to good use and beat a very strong field from all over the South West, the South and Wales.

The development that Richards has achieved is fantastic and great things lay ahead for this talented young man.

The Under 10 race saw Jack Webb secure a great second place and Max was third. Webb has been racing in a Winter league along the South coast and has taken nine wins and two second places already in 2014 and is currently the early leader in British Cycling's National rankings.

Jacob Board, George Fowler and Rob Hogg travelled to Leedstown, near Penzance, in Cornwall to compete in the 45 mile Falco Spring Road Race a category 2,3,4 event which attracted a good size quality field which produced some excellent racing and one or two crashes near the finish.

Unfortunately, Fowler was caught up in one crash but rider and bike both recovered. Board, who is still only 16, put in a great sprint in the bunch finish to take a very commendable 11th place.

Hogg continued his great run of form to take 8th place. The ranking points gained have now qualified him for his 2nd cat license.

◆ **Tomorrow sees the staging of McKinlays 1st Chard Wheelers own Springtime circuit races at Merryfield.**

The youth races include the first round of the South West regional youth series with several riders hoping to impress the selectors of the SW regional team.

Full details are available from Brandon Ellis 01460 221479. www.1stchardwheelers.org.uk

bowls extra ilminster

■ **READY TO ROLL: Ilminster bowlers pictured before the recent 59-48 victory in a two-rink match with Sherborne.**

LOCAL FOOTBALL NEWS

WITH Howard Larcombe
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Battling Blues stun league leaders

Crewkerne title hopes hit again - Moore's the man as Chard United march on

As they stand

Toolstation Div 1	Pld	+/-	Pts
Bradford Town	29	82	78
Shepton Mallet	32	47	69
Welton Rovers	32	27	59
Cribbs	34	18	58
Wellington	32	8	55
Almondsbury UWE	32	8	54
Barnstaple Town	28	23	53
Devizes Town	32	2	50
Wincanton Town	29	31	49
Corsham Town	30	-14	48
Chippenham Park	33	-10	46
Ashton & Backwell	28	-1	44
Roman Glass St G	33	-9	44
CHARD TOWN (14th)	***31***	***1***	***41***
Wells City	28	-3	37
Calne Town	35	-6	36
Westbury United	32	-12	36
Cheddar	28	-21	31
Warminster Town	31	-31	27
Keynsham Town	33	-37	27
Oldland Abbotonians	31	-40	16
Portishead Town	31	-63	11

Somerset Premier	Pld	+/-	Pts
Clutton	23	37	53
Shirehampton	24	44	50
Nailsea Utd	21	33	50
Fry Club	23	35	47
Watchet Town	20	14	41
Minehead	21	20	36
Stockwood Green	23	-1	36
Berrow	22	6	34
Bishops Lydeard	24	-3	29
Bridgwater Town Res	23	-14	28
Cutters Friday	20	-4	27
Yatton Athletic	24	-13	25
Nailsea Town	22	-13	24
Weston St Johns	21	-26	22
Street Res	23	-38	18
ILMINSTER TOWN	***18***	***-15***	***17***
Langford Rovers*	21	-20	15
Odd Down Res	23	-42	13

Somerset Div 2W	Pld	+/-	Pts
Cleeve West Town	20	46	49
Glastonbury	19	32	40
Wells City Res	19	20	40
COMBE St NICHOLAS	***24***	***22***	***38***
North Curry	20	18	36
Staplegrove	17	18	34
Winscombe	20	14	34
Portishead Town Res	17	9	32
Uphill Castle	17	21	25
Worle	19	-2	25
Kewstoke Lions	19	-9	25
Nailsea Utd Res	19	-11	21
Burnham Utd Res	19	-33	17
Cheddar Res*	21	-15	15
Churchill Club*	23	-54	12
Weston St Johns Res	25	-55	11
Nailsea Town Res*	20	-21	10

D&E Premier Div	Pld	+/-	Pts
St Martins	15	61	42
Newtown	14	44	38
Budleigh Saltertn Res	21	-14	33
Feniton	15	18	25
Exeter University Res	15	-3	23
CHARD TOWN RES	***19***	***4***	***22***
Seaton Town	16	-5	22
Beer Albion	18	-18	21
Hatherleigh Town*	14	1	19
Willand Rovers Res	17	-6	19
Tiverton Town Res	9	16	17
Thorverton	11	-9	16
Topsham Town	17	-18	15
Clyst Valley	17	-28	9
Heavitree Utd	14	-45	5

** = points deducted*

PSDL

Premier	Pld	+/-	Pts
Crewkerne Town	12	23	26
Perry Street	14	15	23
W&M Chinnock	11	7	20
Lyme Regis	7	19	19
Shepton Beau	10	13	17
Beaminster	9	7	15
Misterton	10	2	15
Millwey Rise	13	0	15
Ilminster Res	10	-10	12
Combe Res	11	-14	11
Winsham Utd	15	-62	1

Division One	Pld	+/-	Pts
South Petherton	12	31	30
Perry Street Res	11	21	23
Forton Rangers	13	6	22
Lyme Regis Res	9	17	20
Barrington	12	7	17
Farway Utd	13	-8	16
Netherbury	14	-9	14
Pymore	10	-4	13
Uplyme	11	-16	6
Beaminster Res	13	-45	5

Division Two	Pld	+/-	Pts
Chard Utd	11	35	33
Luso-Chard*	13	24	26
Charmouth	13	16	25
Thorncombe	12	11	22
Waytown Hounds	12	14	21
Combe A	13	7	21
Ilminster Colts	13	-21	15
Crewkerne Rangers	13	-8	14
Dowlish & Donyatt	13	-20	8
Crewkerne Res	12	-22	6
S.Petherton Res*	13	-36	2

Division Three	Pld	+/-	Pts
Chard Utd Res	13	5	26
Drimpton	11	10	23
Barrington Res	11	15	22
Lyme Bantams	10	11	20
Hawkchurch Utd	12	7	19
Shepton Beau Res	11	7	17
Millwey Rise Res	10	1	14
Ilminster Town A	11	-7	12
Winsham Utd Res	12	-25	8
Chard Rangers	13	-24	3

Division Four	Pld	+/-	Pts
Merriott Dynamos	16	50	38
Kingsbury Episcopi	12	31	31
Forton Rangers Res	13	26	29
Thorncombe Res	13	16	24
Combe B	14	8	20
Misterton Reserves	13	-3	20
Crewk Rangers Res	12	-11	12
Hinton St George	13	-18	10
Uplyme Res*	13	-13	9
Farway Utd Res	13	-46	7
Chard Rangers Res	12	-40	3

** = Pts deducted*

Corsham Town 2
Chard Town 0

Toolstation Division One - att: 62

CHARD returned home emptihanded from the long journey to Wiltshire last Saturday after going down to an in-form Corsham side who scored in each half and deservedly bagged the three points.

The depleted Robins went into the game missing several key players due to injury and unavailability and found difficulty in coping with the windy conditions and a side who proved, on the day, to be better on the break.

Corsham opened up the Chard defence early in the first-half with several corners and free-kicks but the visitors' goal remained intact until the 21st minute when, following a corner, Jackson Hamilton scored from close range through the packed Chard defence.

The visitors replied immediately with a Leigh Bailey effort which flew over the bar and a shot from Richie Hebditch which fizzed into the side netting soon after.

However, the hosts continued to attack with Chard keeper Jason Hutchings producing a good save for a corner ten minutes before the interval

Early in the second-half Corsham almost increased their lead with a shot which hit the foot of the post and went away across the face of the goal.

Hutchings brought off another good save on the hour but was beaten by a powerful shot from Gary Banks for the second goal eight minutes later.

Chard: *Jason Hutchings, Jamie Barfoot, Darren Hutchings, Leigh Bailey, George Chlopecki, Jamie Underwood, Mark Armstrong, Nathan Warren (Adam Tovey 58), Sam Clark (Adam Fricker 86), Richie Hebditch, Ben Haines. Unused sub: Jason Behan.*

Tomorrow Chard entertain Chippenham Park at Zembard Lane 3pm kick off. And on Tuesday (March 18th) Westbury United are the visitors (7.30pm kick off).

Manager Adam Fricker is without Sam Clark who is serving a one-match suspension and Andy Martin who has had his shoulder operation and will be out for the remainder of the campaign. Oscar Latis and Sam Spurway are set to return next week.

Squad: *Jason Hutchings, Jamie Barfoot, Jamie Underwood, Mark Armstrong, Mark Scott, Leigh Bailey, Darren Hutchings, Ben Haines, Nathan Warren, Adam Fricker, Richard Hebditch, Ed Butcher, George Chlopecki, Adam Cole.*

◆ CHARD TOWN U18s remain in third spot in the Somerset Youth League Division One (south) after a 1-0 home defeat by new leaders Elmore at the Lane in their first game of 2014 on Tuesday evening.

The team's next match is away at Glastonbury on Monday.

DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE

CHARD TOWN RESERVES failed to seriously threaten Premier Division Leaders St Martins impressive 100 per cent record on Saturday.

Ed Butcher scored both goals for the Robins in a 6-2 defeat.

Stu Parris' side, still sixth in the table, travel to face Topsham United tomorrow.

SOMERSET LEAGUE

CHRIS Nezianya's third goal in as many games helped ILMINSTER TOWN pull off one of the shock results of the weekend as they toppled Premier Division leaders Shirehampton at the Rec.

Louis Gillman put the Blues ahead midway through the first-half and Nezianya's strike on the half-hour clinched the win and extended the team's unbeaten run to three matches.

That could be increased still further with bottom-of-the-

■ TOP SCORER: Joe Simmons

table Odd Down the visitors tomorrow.

Meanwhile, Joe Simmons moved to the top of the Division Two (west) goalscoring chart with two more in COMBE ST NICHOLAS' 4-2 win at Burnham United.

Harry Boddington also struck twice as the Saints moved up a place to fourth in the table ahead of tomorrow's visit by lowly Weston St Johns.

PERRY STREET & DISTRICT LEAGUE PREMIER

Beaminster 8 Winsham Utd 0

BEAMINSTER racked up their biggest win for four and half years as Winsham United were put the sword at The Memorial Ground.

Josh Singleton opened the scoring and The Rainbows never looked back as Murray Legg (2), Dean Hyett, Ali Boyer, Josh Baker, Ben Ward and Gary Correy, his first for the club, all got themselves on the score sheet.

Combe Reserves 2
Ilminster Town Res 3

EXPERIENCED striker Richard Curwood opened the scoring for Ilminster against his previous club.

Ben Shehan levelled from the penalty spot only for Greg Channing to strike twice to put the visitors 3-1 up at the break.

Jordan Allen netted a second-half consolation for the Saints who drop down into the relegation places as a result.

Former Saints manager Ivor Hutchings refereed the first-half with PSDL secretary Bob Brunt taking over for the second 45 following confusion as to whether the match could proceed.

The Slades Cross main pitch was deemed unfit and the game switched to the second pitch.

Perry Street 2 Misterton 4

PERRY Street let slip a 2-0 lead as in-form Misterton extended their unbeaten run to five matches.

A Tony Harwood goal gave the hosts a half-time lead which Jake Board doubled soon after the turnaround.

But from there it was all Missy as strikes from Connor Fletcher (2), Ben Brister and Ricky Smith clinched a fine 4-2 win.

Street manager Ian Hilton afterwards conceded the title and was more concerned about slipping into the wrong end of the table, he said: "We'll be lucky to finish in midtable. We've lost Darren Spurdle, Darren Stewart and Dan Harvey with long-term knee injuries.

"In addition Harry Lemon and Jay Bailey are set to move to work on London while Stuart Richards is now playing for the Combe first team in the Somerset League."

Shepton Beauchamp 2
Crewkerne Town 1

CREWKERNE Town's title hopes received a potentially fatal blow as Shepton Beauchamp came from behind to bag all three points at Brimgrove Lane.

The Tigers created some good chances in the goal less first-half, but came up against keeper Rich Pippin in good form.

Dave John eventually put them ahead only for Aaron Sweet to level and influential skipper Doug Whitfield to score the late winner.

West & Middle Chinnock 4
Millwey Rise 2

MARK Cawley (2), Scott Reeves and Luke Williams netted for the Chinnocks who recorded their fourth consecutive 4-2 home win!

A goalkeeping error allowed Reeves to open the scoring. Cawley made it 2-0 before Levi Hoole pulled one back with his 19th goal of the season.

Cawley struck again before the break and Williams made the result safe in the opening seconds of the second-half.

Brad-Lee Miller netted a consolation for Millwey.

KO Cup news

BIG away wins saw both Perry Street Reserves and South Petherton book their places in the **Arthur Gage** cup semi-finals.

Josh Chadwick (2), Billy Sheahan, Callum Machattie, Brad Cleal and Sam Bond netted in Street's 5-1 win at Barrington with Guy Dare scoring the early consolation.

Jody Bovey's third hat-trick of the season formed the backbone of Pethy's 5-1 demolition of hosts Forton Rangers. Danny Rendall and Paul Holt got the others with George Best replying.

Meanwhile, Pete Peacock scored twice in Lyme Reserves' 3-1 win over Pymore and Graham White a hat-trick as Uplyme thrashed Beaminster Reserves 6-0 for the second time in a week.

Semi-final draw

Perry Street Res v Farway or Uplyme
South Petherton v Lyme Regis Res

The away day success continued in the **Jack Venn** competition with quarter-final victories for Thorncombe and Luso-Chard.

The Thorns are now unbeaten in five after a 3-1 win at Crewkerne Town Reserves.

Alex Clist, on target in each of the five games, Luka De Pasquale and Matt Shattock scored the goals with Steve Rowe bagging the consolation.

At the same time Pedro Texiera (2), Jose Marquez and top-scorer Igor Costa were on target as Luso eased past Ilminster Colts 4-0.

Meanwhile, struggling South Petherton Reserves failed to raise a team for the visit of Waytown Hounds.

Quarter-final draw

Combe A v Crewkerne Rangers
Thorncombe v Chard Utd
Dowlish & Donyatt v Charmouth
Waytown Hounds v Luso-Chard

The day's only **Daisy Hutchings** tie saw Dowlish & Donyatt come from behind to beat Charmouth 5-3 in a second round tie. Andy North (2), Matt Vinall, Andy Male and Dan Rogers scored for the Stripes.

Quarter-final draw

Misterton Rs (Div 4) v Winsham Rs (3)
Forton Res (4) v Merriott Dyn (4)
Dowlish & Donyatt (2) v Lyme Regis
Bantams (3) or Luso-Chard (2)
Barrington Res (3) v Combe A (2)

Chard Rangers came out on top in the Jocelyn Park derby. John Cave, Karl Fletcher and Jamie Fletcher (pen) scored the goals in a 3-0 win over Chard United Reserves which sees Rangers through to the last four of the **Bill Bailey** cup.

Semi-final draw

Barrington Res v Chard Rangers
Drimpton or Shepton Res v
Hawkchurch United or Millwey Rise Res

There was a shock in the **Ken Hodges** quarter-finals as ex-Crewkerne striker Aaron Hodges took his tally to six in four as Hinton knocked out in-form Kingsbury 2-1.

Hodges headed home a Dean Cooper free-kick and converted

■ IN-FORM: Rich Pippin

an 88th minute penalty after player-manager Ross Jewell had been felled.

Jake Russell had earlier given the hosts a 1-0 half-time advantage.

LEAGUE ROUND-UP

CHARD United's pursuit of a perfect **Division Two** campaign continued with a hard-fought 3-2 win over Crewkerne Rangers at Jocelyn Park.

A goalkeeping error from United's Matt Sweet gave Steve Dunkerton the simple task of tapping Rangers into a 1-0 interval lead.

But the hosts responded and Tom Newport, a cracking 20-yard volley and Lee Hames got on the end of Bryan Garrett crosses to turn the game around at 2-1.

Back came Rangers, and when a cross was spilled by Sweet Dunkerton was there again level from close range.

With a minute to go Man-of-the-Match Jay Moore netted the winner for Chard whose manager James Govier who felt his side were fortunate to grab all three points.

Down in **Division Three** goals from Ben Smith and Richard White have given Winsham United Reserves' hopes of beating the drop some impetus after a 2-0 win over Ilminster Town A who are themselves far from safe.

At the other end of the table Drimpton failed to raise a team for the trip to Hawkchurch.

Despite currently sitting well placed for a tilt at promotion, the Greens have key players injured and have lost several to Crewkerne Rangers and are understood to be struggling for numbers for the remainder of the season.

Elsewhere, goals from Gary Sims and Nick Taylor saw Shepton Beauchamp Reserves beaten 2-0 at Millwey Rise Reserves.

Two of the form teams clashed in **Division Four** and the result was a 0-0 stalemate with Merriott Dynamos failing to score for the first time since their formation against promotion dark horses Forton Reserves.

RESULTS – Saturday, March 8th
DORSET INTERMEDIATE CUP SF
Normalair RSL 1 Lyme Regis 1
ARTHUR GAGE CUP QF
Barrington 1 Perry Street Res 6
Forton Rangers 1 South Petherton 5
Lyme Regis Res 3 Pymore 1
Uplyme 6 Beaminster Res 0
JACK VENN CUP QF
Crewkerne Res 1 Thorncombe 3
Ilminster Colts 0 Luso-Chard 4
DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP R2
Dowlish & Donyatt 5 Charmouth 3
BILL BAILEY CUP QF
Chard Rangers 3 Chard Utd Res 0
KEN HODGES CUP R1
Crewk Rang Res 2 Combe B 4
Kingsbury 1 Hinton 2
PREMIER
Beaminster 8 Winsham Utd 0
Combe Res 2 Ilminster Town Res 3
Perry Street 2 Misterton 4
Shepton Beau 2 Crewkerne Town 1
W & M Chinnock 4 Millwey Rise 2
DIVISION ONE
Farway Utd 3 Netherbury 2
DIVISION TWO
Chard Utd 3 Crewkerne Rangers 2
DIVISION THREE

■ CUP GOAL: Tom Newport

Millwey Rise Res 2 Shepton Res 0
Winsham Res v Ilminster Town A
DIVISION FOUR
Merriott Dyn 0 Forton Rangers Res 0

Current top-goal scorers

Premier: Jamie Spurdle (Crewkerne Town) 22, Liam Riste (Perry Street) and Levi Hoole (Millwey Rise) both19, Joe Bond (Lyme Regis) 13, Richard Crabb (Crewkerne Town) and Mark Cawley (W & M Chinnock) both 11, Julien Simier (Lyme Regis) and Connor Fletcher (Misterton) both 10.

Division One: Jody Bovey (South Petherton) 26, Dan Collins (Perry Street Res) 14, Jay Stewart (Perry Street Res) and Pete Peacock (Lyme Regis Res) both12, Steve Batey (Lyme Regis Res) 11.

Division Two: Warren Gabbidon (Combe A) 15, Jon Legg (Waytown Hounds) and Igor Costa (Luso-Chard) both14, Lee Fisher (Thorncombe) 13, Renato Silva (Luso-Chard) 10.

Division Three: Ben Dickinson (Drimpton) and Gethyn Jenkins (Barrington Res) both 12, Craig Lodge (Shepton Beau Res) 11.

Division Four: Kieran Adams (Merriott Dyn) 21, Scott Jennings (Merriott Dynamos) 20, Nigel Jeffereys (Kingsbury Episcopi) 17, Barry Hayne (Merriott Dyn) 15, Stuart Packer (Thorncombe Res) and Justin James (Forton Res) both 13, Luke Monk (Kingsbury) 12, Ross Jewell (Hinton St George) 11.

FIXTURES - Saturday, March 15th
(all 2.30pm ko unless stated)
DORSET INTERMEDIATE CUP
Semi-Final Replay
Lyme Regis v Normalair RSL
DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP R2 (2pm)
Lyme Bantams (D3) v Luso-Chard (D2)
JACK VENN CUP QF (2pm)
Combe A v Crewkerne Rangers
Dowlish & Donyatt v Charmouth
BILL BAILEY CUP QF (2pm)
Drimpton v Shepton Beauchamp Res
KEN HODGES CUP R1 (2pm)
Forton Rangers Res v Chard Rangers Res
REG EGLON CUP QF (2pm)
Crewk Rangers Res v Thorncombe Res
PREMIER
Beaminster v Combe Res
Crewkerne Town v Perry Street
Shepton Beauchamp v W & M Chinnock
Winsham Utd v Millwey Rise
DIVISION ONE
Netherbury v Barrington
Perry Street Res v Beaminster Res
Pymore v South Petherton
DIVISION TWO
Ilminster Town Colts v Chard Utd
South Petherton Res v Crewkerne Res
Thorncombe v Waytown Hounds
DIVISION THREE
Barrington Res v Ilminster Town A
Chard Rangers v Winsham Utd Res
Millwey Rise Res v Chard Utd Res
DIVISION FOUR
Farway Utd Res v Kingsbury Episcopi
Hinton St George v Misterton Res
Uplyme Res v Merriott Dynamos

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